

NCPA Annual Meeting Participation Policy

The North Carolina Psychiatric Association's policy is to promote an environment of mutual respect, well-being, and collegiality at its meetings. NCPA values and benefits from the diverse opinions its members hold on the issues with which the Association and the psychiatric profession are confronted. All individuals at the event agree to conduct themselves in a manner appropriate for health care professionals. This includes respect for the intellectual property of others, proper display and use of meeting badges, and the avoidance of aggressive or inappropriate behavior towards others. Individuals participating in NCPA meetings and events agree to listen respectfully to all views presented, be courteous to others regardless of whether you agree or disagree with the views presented, and to exhibit the professionalism and collegiality expected of psychiatrists. If an individual believes that these rules have been violated or acceptable social decorum has otherwise been breached, he or she shall contact NCPA staff to help with the situation. NCPA reserves the right to remove meeting access rights of any individual violating this policy and will not provide a refund. By attending this meeting, you agree to abide by the Participation Policy as described above.

NCPA Annual Meeting COVID Policy

NCPA is thrilled to be once again offering an in-person event. As we prepare to gather for our first in-person meeting since 2019, protecting the health and safety of our attendees is our priority. As a healthcare organization, we want to make sure we are taking all precautions and bringing us back together carefully and appropriately. To this end, we have set forth the following safety protocols regarding COVID-19:

- **Any registered attendees will not attend if they have tested positive for COVID-19 in the 14 days before the Annual Meeting.** In the case of illness due to COVID, a registration refund will be permitted and handled on a case-by-case basis.
- **NCPA will require that all registered attendees, exhibitors, and NCPA staff follow CDC Guidelines and be up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines at least 14 days prior to the meeting unless there is a qualifying medical or religious reason.** Documentation of a negative COVID test within 72 hours of admittance to the Annual Meeting will be required of all unvaccinated, registered attendees, exhibitors, and staff. The definition of "up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines," as defined by the CDC as of May 1, 2022, will apply for the event.
- **NCPA will require that all registered spouses, family members, and guests over the age of 18 follow CDC Guidelines and be up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines at least 14 days prior to the meeting unless there is a qualifying medical or religious reason.** Documentation of a negative COVID test within 72 hours of admittance to the Annual Meeting will be required of all unvaccinated, registered spouses and guests, over the age of 18. The definition of "up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines," as defined by the CDC as of May 1, 2022, will apply for the event.
- **NCPA encourages all registered family members and guests under the age of 18 to be vaccinated.** If they are unvaccinated, we recommend wearing a mask in any public areas.

- **The CDC definition of “up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines,” as of May 1, 2022 is:** “You are up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines when you have received all doses in the primary series and one booster when eligible.
 - Getting a second booster is not necessary to be considered up to date at this time.
 - The recommendations will be different depending on your age, your health status, what vaccine you first received, and when you first got vaccinated.”

- **All individuals attending the 2022 Annual Meeting will be required to follow all health and safety requirements in effect from the State of North Carolina, City of Asheville, and/or the Renaissance Asheville Hotel at the time of the event and any other health and safety protocols established by NCPA.** Based on conditions at the time of the meeting, NCPA reserves the right to require additional precautions prior to and during the in-person event. Specific safety requirements regarding masking, social distancing, testing, isolating, etc. will be shared with registered participants by September 1.

- **By submitting registration, you agree to attest you are up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines or will provide a photograph of a negative COVID test result and to follow all relevant health and safety protocols to attend the in-person event.** You further acknowledge that interaction with the public poses an elevated risk of being exposed to COVID-19 and that by attending the NCPA 2022 Annual Meeting, you and any guests voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19 and agree not to hold the North Carolina Psychiatric Association or any of their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors, or volunteers liable for any illness or injury.

REGISTRATION ATTESTATION AND WAIVER FORM

These terms and conditions govern participation in the NCPA 2022 Annual Meeting. By registering for and/or participating in the Annual Meeting, you agree to NCPA’s Participation Policy. NCPA reserves the right to remove any person from the Annual Meeting if NCPA, in its sole discretion, determines that the person has not complied with these terms, has failed to abide by health precautions, or if their participation or behavior otherwise disrupts or interferes with the Annual Meeting. Registration fees are nonrefundable in the event of removal from the Annual Meeting due to violation of the NCPA Participation Policy.

By registering for the NCPA Annual Meeting, I am noting that I (along with any spouses and/or guests included with this registration) understand the hazards of the novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) and am familiar with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) guidelines regarding COVID-19 [as well as the CDC’S definition of full vaccination](#). Notwithstanding the risks associated with COVID-19, which I readily acknowledge, I hereby willingly choose to attend the NCPA Annual Meeting. I acknowledge and fully assume the risk of illness related to COVID-19 arising from my being on the premises for the event. I further agree to adhere to and follow all requirements of the association, the host facility, as well as any legal requirements of federal, state, and local authorities.

Furthermore, by registering for this event, I am attesting that prior to attending the event, I (along with any spouses, family members, and guests included with this registration) **will be up to date with our COVID-19 vaccines** (at least 14 days prior to the meeting) OR if unvaccinated we will provide documentation of a negative COVID test within 72 hours of admittance to the Annual Meeting. This attestation presumes my ethical obligation to public health and a code of ethics as a physician and psychiatrist.

I further acknowledge that I (as well as any family members, spouses, and guests) will not attend the event if testing positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of said event. I understand that in the case of illness due to COVID, a registration refund will be permitted.

I will abide by the COVID-19 mitigation practices and safety requirements as set forth by NCPA Executive Council. These specific protocols will be communicated to registered participants by September 1, 2022. All COVID policies are subject to change at any time.

I hereby release the NCPA, its officers, directors, agents, and employees from any liability (excluding gross negligence and intentional conduct) related to COVID-19 that may occur as a result of my attending the event.

By completing this registration and attending the meeting, I acknowledge that I have read the foregoing, understand it, and agree to this disclaimer and waiver.