

# WELCOME TO THE SWWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE!

We are so excited to be preparing to host you in person. We know you may have questions about attending conference this year, but rest assured we are committed to delivering the safest experience possible.

The Annual SWWA Conference 2021 will operate under all current and applicable Public Health Orders in the Province of Saskatchewan, found <u>here</u>.

You will need to provide either proof of full vaccination status OR proof of an approved negative COVID-19 test to attend Conference.

The following **FAQs** provide information on what to expect when you attend the SWWA Conference & Tradeshow.

#### Do I have to be vaccinated to come to conference?

You have the choice to provide proof of full (double) vaccination status **OR** proof of a negative COVID-19 test to attend conference, as per the Province of Saskatchewan's Public Health Order. SWWA will accept any physical or digital proof of vaccination record provided by your local health authority.

If you are choosing to provide proof of vaccination, the **LAST DAY** you can receive your second shot and satisfy the 14-day waiting period before conference is **October 18, 2021**.

#### Can I attend conference with a proof of a negative test result?

Yes, we will accept proof of a negative test result, if it is approved under the Public Health Order:

- Must be from an authorized private provider
- Must not be from Saskatchewan Health Authority or self-administered
- Must be from within the previous 72 hours

#### **IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS**

- If you are an exhibitor choosing to provide a negative test result, you will not be allowed In the facility if you test positive at any time during the week.
- If you are unvaccinated and test positive, the Public Health Order requires you to self-isolate for 14 days.
- If you are unvaccinated and a close contact of someone who tests positive, the Public Health Order requires you to self-isolate for 14 days.



#### How will SWWA check for proof of vaccinations and test results?

All vaccine and test verification will take place at TCU Entrances.

For anyone choosing to provide test results, proof of a valid negative test will be required at every point of entry into the building.

# How can I get tested?

Testing is the responsibility of the attendee or exhibitor. A valid test will be acceptable for 72 hours. Approved private testing in Saskatchewan is available through:

- Haztech
- Quantum Genetix
- Nobel

More information on testing can be found **here**.

### What happens if I test positive partway through the week?

You will not be admitted to the SWWA Conference or Tradeshow without a negative test result. As per the Saskatchewan Public Health Order if you test positive:

- You are also required to self-isolate.
- Your **unvaccinated** close contacts are also required to self-isolate.
- Your **vaccinated** close contacts are to self-monitor for symptoms but would be able to remain at the show.

#### What if I'm unable to get the vaccine?

Medical exemptions for anyone must include written confirmation from a medical professional as per the Public Health Order. Anyone with a medical vaccine exemption will still be required to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test.

#### If I've already had COVID-19, am I considered immune and exempt from the Public Health Order?

No, the Saskatchewan Public Health Order will not recognize previous infection as a valid exemption, and you will still be required to provide proof of vaccination or proof of a negative COVID-19 test to attend Conference.

# Will SWWA keep my medical information?

No, SWWA will not retain any records of private medical information.



#### Do I have to wear a mask at Conference?

Under the current Public Health Order, masking is required in all indoor public spaces at the event with the following exceptions:

- While eating or drinking (seated)
- Anyone engaged in public speaking, performance, or leading a public event if they are maintaining social distance of 6 feet.

The current Public Health Order governing masking is set to be reviewed at the end of October by the Province of Saskatchewan. Any changes to the order will be communicated by SWWA before the event week.

#### Will there be food and drink options?

Yes, prepared meals will be available during the conference as well as beverage services.

### What cleaning and sanitization measures are in place?

Enhanced cleaning and sanitization protocols are in place at TCU Place, – the highest level of cleaning and disinfecting levels available.

#### Can I get refund?

Exhibitors who decide not to attend the SWWA Tradeshow before the entry or registration deadline of **October 8, 2021** will receive a credit for the following year.

If, for any reason, the SWWA Annual Conference is cancelled attendees will be refunded in full.

# What if the Public Health Orders change before conference?

SWWA will follow all current Public Health Orders related to COVID-19 in Saskatchewan. If any of the orders change, SWWA will communicate those changes to Exhibitors and the Attendees/Presenters as soon as possible.



# SASKATCHEWAN GOVERNMENT HEALTH MEASURES

For further details or clarification, contact the SWWA Office at office@swwa.ca