ITPA NCC Annual Formal Dinner/Awards Ceremony
Facial Coverings and Vaccinations Required

ITPA NCC is fully committed to holding our annual Formal Dinner/Awards Ceremony at the Westwood Country Club in Vienna, VA, October 19th, 2021. ITPA NCC's priority is always the health and well-being of our community. Our COVID-19 Safety Plan is a living document that will continue to evolve as we follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and comply with both State/Local authority guidelines and take into consideration best practices for ensuring a safe and enjoyable conference experience. Guidelines for gathering safely at events during the pandemic remain fluid and may change in the days ahead. We will continue to monitor the evolving situation and update our guidelines as necessary. Participants should stay at home if feeling ill.

Venue
The Westwood Country Club has implemented new protocols and elevated practices in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and are included as follows:

- *All staff are required to wear face masks at this time.*
- *While strongly encouraged for all, only unvaccinated members and guests are required to wear face masks, though we are unable to enforce this.*
- *Hand sanitizer stations as well as air purifiers are also located throughout the premises.*

Facial Coverings

- All event staff, vendors, attendees, exhibitors, volunteers, and guests will be required to wear facial coverings when indoors or outdoors at all conference facilities during conference activities, other than when actively eating or drinking or when speaking on-stage.

- Please bring your own facial covering. A limited supply will be available onsite; inquire at registration.

Vaccinations
In order to support the health and safety of our attendees and staff, ITPA NCC has made the decision to require proof of vaccination for all attendees, exhibitors, and venue staff. Proof of full vaccination will be required to be submitted prior to the conference start date (October 19,2021) in order to attend.

 A person is considered fully vaccinated after either:

   a) Two weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines,

   OR

   b) Two weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson.

To submit your proof of vaccination, we ask that you email a photo of your vaccination card (with your birth date covered) to your registration record on our conference registration site. If you do not feel comfortable uploading your vaccination card, you can set up a time to have a virtual one-on-one with one of our ITPA Board members to share your card over Zoom or FaceTime.

If you have additional questions about any of the safety protocols for ITPA NCC's 2021 Formal Dinner/Awards Ceremony, please contact First Name, Last Name. FirstNameLastName@email.com

Hand Sanitizer
Hand sanitizer will be available to conference participants.

Personal Accountability Commitment
Providing a safe environment for our event participants is a top priority. Achieving this goal is a shared responsibility. **By attending our event, you agree to abide by and engage in conduct that is beneficial to health and safety.** *This includes, but is not limited to, complying with Federal (and State/Local), venue regulations, wearing a facial covering in conference facilities, engaging in appropriate physical distancing, and not attending if you are not fully vaccinated.*

Event Seating
- ITPA NCC will decrease the number of seats per table in the hall, as feasible, to reduce congestion and improve traffic flow between tables to accommodate physical distancing.

Exhibitor Best Practices and Readiness
ITPA NCC will provide best practices for exhibitors on how to maintain adequate physical distancing in their booths. These include but are not limited to the following:
- Wearing facial coverings while inside the Country Club.
- Using open booth designs or creating a restricted area to limit groups congregating in one area.
- Planning booth traffic patterns to allow for open entry and exit points.
- Cleaning high-touch surfaces multiple times throughout the day.
- Utilizing floor marking or seating to encourage adequate physical distancing.
- Providing hand sanitizer for attendees.
- If serving food, working with the vendor, to ensure proper food safety.

City and State Guidelines
- ITPA NCC is actively monitoring developments surrounding the coronavirus as the safety and health of visitors are their top priority.
- You can learn more about Virginia's COVID-19 health and safety procedures [here](#).
- Current Vienna COVID guidelines are available [here](#).

COVID-19 Warning
We have taken enhanced health and safety measures and require all persons to follow posted instructions while attending ITPA NCC's 2021 Formal Dinner/Awards Ceremony. You must agree to abide by all ITPA NCC and Convention Center safety protocols, follow applicable safety precautions.

An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), senior citizens and guests with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. By attending TechNet Cyber 2021 you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.
Help keep each other healthy.

FAQs

The CDC recommends conducting self-health checks for symptoms daily, and in accordance with any applicable privacy laws and regulations. The COVID-19 Symptom List will be included in event communications and posted on event signage. Attendees, exhibitor personnel and staff are asked to stay home, or in their hotel room, if they do not feel well or have any of the following symptoms: fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. More details about symptoms of coronavirus can be found at Symptoms of Coronavirus | CDC.

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