



## **Duty of Care for The Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine Events**

The Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM) considers the health and safety of all individuals who attend our onsite events a top priority. While SMFM cannot guarantee that event attendees will not become infected with COVID-19, SMFM has adopted preventative measures to reduce the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus at our meetings in accordance with guidance provided by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and our venue partners. In addition, SMFM will comply with all applicable requirements imposed by federal, state, or local health authorities for the locality in which the event is taking place. However, the responsibility for a safe and healthy event environment is shared among the event organizers, event venues, and event attendees. To this end, each conference attendee is expected to comply with all applicable requirements imposed by federal, state, or local health authorities for the conference's locality. In addition to our [Code of Conduct](#), each attendee is expected to adhere to and abide by the safety precautions SMFM has implemented to protect against the spread of COVID-19, including social distancing, mask-wearing, personal hygiene and hand sanitization, adherence to pathway signage, self-monitoring, and self-reporting. These precautions are outlined in further detail below.

Individuals should not attend an SMFM event if they are currently experiencing or have experienced in the 5 days prior to the conference or event symptoms of any potentially contagious illness, including symptoms associated with [COVID-19](#) or [Influenza](#).

### **Additional precautions**

- Face masks are welcome, though not required, while attending SMFM meetings and events.
- All participants are asked to respect the choices made by their fellow attendees regarding masks and social distancing.
- All participants are expected to be fully vaccinated, though you will not be expected to show documentation of your vaccination status.

**By checking the box on the registration page, you agree to adhere to the precautions and policies contained herein and acknowledge and understand that you knowingly and freely assume all risks related to illness and infectious diseases, by attending this event.** Further, as with our [Code of Conduct](#), you understand that refusal to adhere to these policies and abide by these precautions may result in immediate removal from the event and cancellation of the registration without receiving a refund.