

2022 Mu Alpha Theta Convention COVID Guidelines (29Mar2022)

Mu Alpha Theta will follow CDC guidelines and Virginia guidelines and will modify the following as needed.

1. Promoting Vaccination
Mu Alpha Theta encourages teachers, staff, students, and their families to get vaccinated as soon as they can. You can visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find out where you can get vaccinated against COVID-19. All attendees should bring their vaccination card (or copy thereof).
2. Consistent and Correct Mask Use
 - All test takers will wear their masks correctly and consistently while taking tests.
 - Mu Alpha Theta recommends indoor masking for all individuals ages 2 years and older regardless of vaccination status. In general, people do not need to wear masks when outdoors. Mu Alpha Theta recommends that people who are not fully vaccinated wear a mask in crowded outdoor settings or during activities that involve sustained close contact with other people. Fully vaccinated people might choose to wear a mask in crowded outdoor settings, especially if they or someone in their household is immunocompromised.
3. Physical Distancing
Mu Alpha Theta recommends maintaining at least 3 feet of physical distance between students within testing situations, combined with indoor mask wearing to reduce transmission risk.
4. Screening Testing
Mu Alpha Theta will not be offering screening testing. It is recommended that schools should screen teachers and students who have not been fully vaccinated from communities where COVID-19 transmission is at moderate, substantial, or high levels.
5. Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette
In the hotel common areas, they have displayed the CDC's guidelines on handwashing, covering coughs and sneezes, and have increased the number of hand sanitizer dispensers.
6. Staying Home When Sick and Getting Tested
Everyone with COVID-19 should stay home and isolate away from other people for at least 5 full days (day 0 is the first day of symptoms or the day of the positive viral test for asymptomatic persons).
7. Contact Tracing in Combination with Quarantine
Mu Alpha Theta will report, to the extent allowable by applicable privacy laws, new diagnoses of COVID to state and local health department as soon as we are informed.
8. Cleaning and Disinfection
The Hilton will follow its EventReady with CleanStay Protocol. Please see our website.

After the Convention , you should:

Inform the Executive Director Dana C. Wade immediately if you are confirmed by health authorities to have COVID-19 or if you are placed in quarantine within 14 days of the meeting, so that necessary contact tracing in association with the COVID-19 case may be carried out.