

Keeping Everyone Safe at our Conference

After so many months of Zoom meetings and home offices, we're incredibly excited to get together in person this fall for the 36th Annual ONECA conference. The sense of community and energy that comes from being together is so powerful, and we can't wait to see you all! But as recent news on the Delta variant is making clear, we all have a shared responsibility to ensure that everyone is safe, healthy, and comfortable.

We are taking every measure to ensure your safety and if you are planning to attend the conference, please note we have put the following measures in place to ensure you and others who are attending are protected.

What we are doing as organizers:

Providing Ample Space: Participants will be expected to social distance 2 meters apart for the duration of the conference.

Screening: We will be taking your temperature (must be under 100 degrees F) and we will be asking you to complete the screening questionnaire at the door before you enter.

Frequent Sanitizing: We're working with our partners at Water Tower Inn to make sure that all high-touch surfaces are frequently sanitized, and that the whole place gets cleaned and wiped down daily.

Contact Tracing: All participants, staff and volunteers will be required to sign in daily and provide phone number and email address for contact tracing.

Banquet Set Up: We will follow social distancing protocols and ensure that the facility provides appropriate signage to guide attendees through the buffet.

Masks and Sanitizer: Each participant will be provided with a mask and sanitizer in their conference bag.

Attendee Expectations:

If you are not feeling well or experiencing any symptoms: Please do not attend the event! Obviously, COVID is the thing we're all most worried about. If you're not feeling well, please do not attend the conference and put others at risk, because even a cold is a whole lot more nervous-making these days

Arrive Fully Vaccinated: We are **requiring all attendees be fully vaccinated**; even with the Delta variant, vaccinated people are dramatically less likely to get COVID, and just as importantly, are incredibly unlikely to get seriously ill or require hospitalization.

Masks: All participants must wear a mask at all times other than when they are eating

Maintain Social Distance: Participants are expected to follow the social distancing rules and avoid hugging or physical contact – elbow bumps and nish-nods are encouraged.

Sign the Liability Waiver: This will be required of everyone attending the Conference

Take Care of Your Conference Badge! That's your pass to the event, and you can't attend without it