

2021 ASCRS Annual Meeting Health and Safety

The American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS) is committed to the health and well-being of meeting attendees, exhibitors, staff, and meeting contractors at the 2021 ASCRS Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada, at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center.

Enhanced measures are being implemented for the meeting in accordance with all state and local regulations and following the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). ASCRS is committed to providing as safe and healthy an environment as possible for members and industry colleagues in support of learning and collaboration.

Procedures and Protocols

Expectations for all meeting participants:

- ASCRS strongly encourages all eligible meeting participants to be vaccinated prior to traveling to the 2021 ASCRS Annual Meeting.
- Facemasks are required for all meeting participants (registered attendees, exhibitors, meeting contractors, and staff).
- All meeting participants are expected to observe and engage in recognized preventive actions to help ensure a safe environment, including frequent hand washing, wearing a mask, and adhering to social distancing protocols.
- Attendees should not attend the meeting if they have tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 14 days or if they are concerned that they have been exposed to the virus within the last 14 days and could possibly test positive.
- Onsite COVID-19 testing will be available in the First Aid Office in Bayside C, Level 1 for any meeting participant who wishes to be tested.
- Should a meeting participant test positive for COVID-19, register a temperature, or become ill during the course of the meeting, he/she should observe recognized quarantining procedures.

At the meeting

- Where possible, contactless systems and processes will be implemented to minimize "touch points."
- Program materials will be distributed electronically through the mobile app and the ASCRS website. *EyeWorld Daily News* and other resources will be available for self-pickup to minimize interaction.
- Meeting rooms and public spaces have been designed to adhere to current physical distancing guidelines.
- 30-minute breaks will occur between sessions to allow for all meeting rooms to be properly cleaned.
- The ASCRS Exhibit Hall will be cleaned nightly.

Updates will be made to this document as regulations and guidelines change.

Appendix

Mandalay Bay Convention Center Seven-Point Safety Plan
[mandalaybay.mgmresorts.com/content/dam/MGM/mandalay-bay/meetings/documents/mandalay-bay-meetings-seven-point-safety-plan.pdf](https://www.mandalaybay.mgmresorts.com/content/dam/MGM/mandalay-bay/meetings/documents/mandalay-bay-meetings-seven-point-safety-plan.pdf)

Nevada Safe Gatherings Directive
nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/state-information/governor-directives-and-declarations/
Latest CDC recommendations
www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/Mass-Gatherings-Documents_FINAL.pdf

Nevada has prioritized hospitality workers for vaccination
www.ktnv.com/news/coronavirus/here-is-a-breakdown-of-the-vaccination-tiers-in-nevada