



ILGA World Conference, May 2022 Covid 19 Safer Conference Practices Version 2: March 2022

ILGA World and local host organization the It Gets Better Project (IGBP) are working hard to reduce the risks of Covid-19 at the ILGA World conference and make it safer for everybody.

The conference will follow relevant US Covid-19 health regulations at the time of the conference, including those of the Long Beach¹, Los Angeles² County, California³, and the federal level⁴. **Regulations are changing frequently, and this protocol will be updated as time progresses.** ILGA World will also take measures in addition to government requirements to further safeguard.

In order to attend the conference, you must comply with this Covid-19 policy and all instructions and procedures communicated prior to or at the conference, **even if you have been fully vaccinated against Covid-19.**

As of the date of this version of the protocol, the safe conference practices are:

Vaccination

Everyone must present proof of vaccination and photo ID before entering the conference. The vaccination certificate check will be near the conference registry and all participants must present proof of vaccination upon arrival at the conference. **Participants who don't present this certificate will not be allowed at the conference.** Please find a list of the different ways to obtain a digital proof of vaccination.

- **Travel Apps.** Upon entry to the United States, you will be required to show proof of negative test results and vaccine. To pre-check this information there are travel apps available like [Verify](#) (available for American Airlines and British Airways) and [IATA Travel Pass](#) (available for 50+ airlines). If, for any reason, the previous apps don't work you can also use [Airside](#) and [CommonPass](#).
- **European Union Digital COVID-19 Certificate.** This certificate is available to all the EU countries and other countries like Panama and Thailand. For more information and to check if your country has the EU certificate available follow

¹ [Long Beach](#)

² [Los Angeles County](#)

³ [California](#)

⁴ <https://covid19.ca.gov/>

this [link](#). Note: This certificate also extends to negative test results so it's important that you emit a vaccination certificate so your vaccine information is visible in the certificate, otherwise you won't have proof of vaccination.

- **Other proof of vaccination.** If you have any other digital or printed proof of vaccination (but preferably digital), make sure that it has the following information:
 - Your full name, surname and date of birth
 - Number of doses you currently have and the date you got the shot
 - Type of vaccine
 - Vaccine information (provider, lot number)

After registration, you will be required to head to the vaccination check where you will be asked to show a proof of vaccination and a photo ID.

Testing

ILGA World will provide antigen self-testing kits.

Everyone must “self-test” using a test kit provided by ILGA World before entering the conference and share their result with conference personnel. **Anybody testing positive must not attend the conference.** ILGA World will potentially also ask all attendees to self-test again at least one more time during the conference.

For more information on how to use a self-test kit please watch this [video](#). Make sure you watch it carefully as the test won't work if you do not swab your nose or mouth correctly.

Health Insurance

We strongly suggest that all persons assisting to the Conference purchase a travel health insurance that covers COVID-19 medical expenses. It is not compulsory to have a travel health insurance to enter the country, however, healthcare in the United States can get very expensive.

For more information on travel insurances, you can find your own [here](#).

All ILGA-sponsored attendees will have health insurance expenses covered, if you are being sponsored by ILGA and require more information on this please contact ILGA staff.

Capped number of attendees

Physical participation at the conference will be capped by ILGA World at six hundred [600] persons. Each meeting room will have a limited capacity, this cap number will be displayed at the entrance of the room. ILGA World personnel will be announcing if a room has reached its full capacity.

Persons who may have been exposed to Covid-19

You must not attend the conference if you are symptomatic or have had a positive test. If you had tested positive and were self-isolating:

- self-isolation can be discontinued at least 5 days after symptom onset (day 1 through day 5 after symptom onset, with day 0 being the first day of symptoms),
- **and** after resolution of fever for at least 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medications);
- **and** with improvement of other symptoms.

People who have just finished self-isolating should continue to properly wear a well-fitted mask around others at home and in public for 5 additional days (day 6 through day 10 after symptom onset) after the 5-day isolation period.

If someone tests positive for Covid-19

If a participant tests positive for Covid-19 they must self-isolate immediately and contact ILGA World personnel. It is also ethically advisable that if a participant tests positive they should communicate it to the last people they made contact with.

Masks

Masks (FFP2 or KN-95) are to be worn indoors unless actively eating or drinking. Masks must be worn properly, covering the nose and mouth. Occasionally key speakers will be permitted to remove their mask to address the room, and some people may not wear masks for health or hearing impairment reasons. These people will be notified separately.

According to the Long Beach Health Order for Control of COVID-19 (updated March 21, 2022):

Masks are strongly recommended for all persons [...] in indoor public settings and businesses (examples: retail, restaurants, theaters, family entertainment centers, meetings, state and local government offices serving the public). Surgical masks or higher-level respirators (e.g., N95s, KN95s, KF94s) with good fit are highly recommended.

ILGA World will be providing FFP2 or KN-95 masks for all participants of the conference. The use of a FFP2 or KN-95 mask is mandatory during the conference.

Physical contact

Check with others if they feel comfortable before initiating any physical contact. ILGA World will implement a “physical contact traffic light”. This will consist of colour-coded wristbands which will be available at the registration desk:

- Red - no physical contact and keep the distance,
- Yellow - moderate contact (handshake or a fist bump),
- Green – hugging might be permitted with consent

Everyone must respect each other's physical contact so that we create a safe environment for everyone. Please read our code of conduct for more details.

Washing hands

Wash and sanitize your hands as often as possible.

Coughing or sneezing

If you have a medical or hearing reason why you cannot wear a mask, please contact ILGA World at least one week before the conference for instructions.

When coughing or sneezing, please use a paper tissue/handkerchief or the crook of your arm.

Shouting, whistling and singing

Please don't shout, whistle, or sing indoors. Some musical performers may be exempt from this requirement. These people will be notified if this is the case.

Keeping the meeting room clean

Each room will have hand sanitizer and anti-bacterial wipes available.

Breaching this protocol

Anybody not complying with this protocol inside the venue will be politely reminded of it by staff. Persons who repeatedly breach this protocol might be asked to leave the conference.

Liability

Notwithstanding all that will be done to reduce risk, Covid-19 has created inherent risks associated with being in public places or in proximity to others including contracting Covid-19, serious illness, death and transmission of Covid-19.

By attending the conference, you are voluntarily assuming any and all health or safety risks of the conference, and you agree to waive any legal claims against ILGA World, IGBP and their service providers for the conference arising from your attendance to the fullest extent permitted under the law.