

## Health & Safety Policy for ESAAL's 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference & Trade Show

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The safety & health of all adult care facility/assisted living providers, their staff, and the elderly residents they serve is ESAAL's utmost concern.

### **Vaccination Policy**

To ensure their safety and, in concert with current Department of Health (DOH) mandates for healthcare workers, ESAAL is requiring proof of full vaccination for all in attendance at our conference & trade show (registrants, exhibitors, vendors, speakers, staff), unless they have a valid medical exemption. According to the CDC, **fully vaccinated** means a person has received their primary series of COVID-19 vaccines.

ESAAL has partnered with 42Chat to use HealthShield to collect & verify proof of full vaccination before your arrival on-site at Turning Stone. The verification will be done via text, so no logins and no app to download which makes the process extremely easy and simple. Once validated, you will receive a text message back (or email for web) with a green check confirmation message. The texts will be sent out in April & May. **You must complete this verification prior to your arrival at the conference.**

### **Masking & Social Distancing**

The conference rules for preventive measures such as masking and social distancing, will be guided by the then current requirements and recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and federal, state, and local health authorities at the time of the event. We are working closely with our partners at Turning Stone Resort to implement measures to reduce the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus at the Annual Conference & Trade Show. Until further notice, safety measures (subject to change) will include:

- As of February 9, 2022, Masks are encouraged, but not required for all attendees
- Those who are not vaccinated because of a valid medical exemption should wear masks in all public indoor settings.
- Wash hands frequently and maintain social distance when appropriate.

The responsibility for a safe and healthy event environment is shared among the event organizer, venue, and every participant. All ESAAL event attendees are expected to adhere to and abide by the safety precautions implemented to protect against the spread of COVID-19. As part of your duty of care responsibilities, you should NOT attend an ESAAL program if you:

- are experiencing, or within the 10 days prior have experienced, signs and symptoms of COVID-19;
- believe that, in the past five days, you have had close contact, while not masked to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes in a 24 hour period; and/or
- have been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last ten days.



Event attendees should self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and are asked to contact ESAAL if they experience symptoms within 10 days after the event. Should any positive cases be reported within the 10-day time frame, ESAAL will communicate this information to all registered participants. Any private health or personal data received by ESAAL will be treated as confidential.

As a registered participant of an ESAAL event, you agree to adhere to the precautions and policies above and understand that you knowingly and freely assume all risks related to illness and infectious diseases by attending this event. You understand that refusal to adhere to these policies and abide by these precautions may result in the immediate removal from the event and cancellation of the registration, without receiving a refund.

*\*\*All ESAAL policies are subject to change. Should changes be made, a notification will be sent to all registered attendees.*