

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPANTS

LeadingAge Minnesota is committed to creating a safe and healthy event for our 2022 Institute. To that end, we have developed the following health and safety protocols in accordance with CDC guidelines. We want everyone interested in attending Institute to be able to do so safely, so these protocols may be updated prior to our event to reflect the evolving impact of the Omicron or other variants. Institute participants will be required to comply with the following:

- **Participants are required to wear a face covering at all times, regardless of vaccination status, while entering and inside the RiverCentre, except when actively eating or drinking.** In education sessions, speakers are required to wear a face covering in the meeting room except when presenting their content and directly addressing the audience. Face coverings should cover both nose and mouth. We suggest bringing your own mask. LeadingAge Minnesota will have disposable masks available on-site for those who need one.
- **All participants are required to present a negative COVID-19 test result from a test administered no more than 48 hours prior to arriving at the Institute, regardless of vaccination status, before gaining entrance into the event.** A retest during the week is not required.
- **Participants will be required to complete health screening questions onsite before gaining entrance into the event.**

The following are considered acceptable test results:

- A negative test result from a PCR test taken within 48 hours prior to the event/venue arrival;
- A negative test result from an FDA-approved COVID-19 antigen test (aka rapid test) administered by a testing provider within 48 hours prior to the event/venue arrival.

A testing provider can be a clinic, testing site, or your organization with test documentation signed by a licensed health care provider. The test result record must show the name of the person tested, type of test performed, the entity issuing the result, test sample collection date, and the test result. Additional identification is not required. Rapid tests used without the supervision of a testing provider (e.g., self-administered over the counter tests or home tests) will not be accepted.

Medical and religious exemptions are not accepted in place of a negative COVID-19 test result.

LeadingAge Minnesota staff will also be subject to these health and safety protocols. While LeadingAge Minnesota is not legally authorized to require RiverCentre staff and outside contractors to be tested, we are working with them to develop onsite protocols in accordance with CDC guidelines. By St. Paul city order, all RiverCentre staff and outside contractors are required to wear masks.

LeadingAge Minnesota will follow the health and safety practices mandated by the RiverCentre, or by applicable federal, state, and local authorities, whichever requires the most protection. Those practices and others will be determined close to the date of the event and may become more or less strict between registration and the event.

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- Upon registration, all participants will be required to acknowledge any personal risk by attending the conference.
- Session rooms will include some distancing between chairs. Conference attendees are not to move the chairs closer to each other.
- While visiting the expo hall, participants are encouraged to monitor and keep safe space while interacting with others.
- All participants must stay home if feeling ill. According to the CDC, people with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2 to 14 days after exposure to the virus; people with these symptoms may have COVID-19:
 - » Fever or chills
 - » Cough
 - » Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - » Fatigue
 - » Muscle or body aches
 - » Headache
 - » New loss of taste or smell
 - » Sore throat
 - » Congestion or runny nose
 - » Nausea or vomiting
 - » Diarrhea
- For participants who begin to feel ill while at the Institute or find out during Institute they have been in close contact with someone who recently tested positive:
 - » Immediately leave the RiverCentre.
 - » Get tested for COVID-19 and report any positive result to known contacts and LeadingAge Minnesota at jprosser@leadingagemn.org. Here are some links to local rapid testing sites for those who experience symptoms on-site.
 - ◇ MN COVID-19 Response Testing Website: <https://mn.gov/covid19/get-tested/testing-locations/index.jsp>
 - ◇ Closest testing site to RiverCentre: Roy Wilkins Auditorium (attached to RiverCentre)
 - ◇ GS Labs: <https://gslabstesting.com/>
- To err on the side of caution, participants are strongly encouraged to get tested 3-5 days after the Institute, whether or not experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.

LOCAL HEALTH INFORMATION

- Information on health and safety procedures for events hosted at the RiverCentre – <https://www.rivercentre.org/plan/covid-19-information-1>.
- Timely updates and information on health and safety procedures when traveling to and while in St. Paul, MN – <https://www.visitsaintpaul.com/coronavirus-covid-19-information/>.
- LeadingAge Minnesota encourages participants to visit their hotel's website or connect with a hotel representative for the most up-to-date health and safety information for individual hotels.

Please check this page frequently for updates leading up to the Institute.