RSNA Press Release

RSNA 2021 Will Require Vaccines and Masks

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OAK BROOK, Ill. — (August 12, 2021) – The Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) announced today that it will require proof of COVID-19 vaccination from all in-person attendees and exhibitors at the Society’s 107th Scientific Assembly and Annual Meeting (RSNA 2021) to be held at McCormick Place Chicago, Nov. 28 – Dec. 2, 2021.

"With a mission that focuses on health and patient care, RSNA is strongly committed to protecting the health and safety of all meeting attendees, and—by extension—their families, colleagues, friends, and the global community," said RSNA president Mary C. Mahoney, M.D. "As the convener of the world's leading medical imaging forum, we want to provide the safest possible meeting environment for all our participants."

RSNA will require proof of vaccination from all meeting attendees and exhibitor personnel prior to the meeting or upon admittance to McCormick Place. Additional details, including instructions for the verification process, will be provided in the coming weeks.

"There is strong consensus among health care experts that the COVID-19 vaccines are effective in reducing the chance of serious illness or death resulting from the disease," Dr. Mahoney said.

RSNA will also follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), state and local recommendations in place at the time of the meeting in regard to social distancing and will require that RSNA 2021 attendees wear masks in all public indoor spaces.

RSNA is working closely with the City of Chicago and McCormick Place to provide a safe and comfortable experience for attendees. McCormick Place has enhanced its air quality and cleaning procedures and has received multiple accreditations for maintaining a safe and hygienic environment.

RSNA's robust virtual meeting component will allow unvaccinated individuals to participate in the meeting remotely. The Virtual Meeting will offer 100% of eligible meeting programming with on-demand content through April 30, 2022.

Several registration packages are available, including in-person and virtual access, in-person only, virtual only, and technical exhibits only. In-person registration is free to RSNA members through October 1. Hotel reservations are available. Visit RSNA.org for more information and to sign up to receive future annual meeting updates.

RSNA will continue to monitor CDC recommendations and will update safety measures as appropriate. For the most up-to-date information on RSNA 2021 health and safety
RSNA is an association of radiologists, radiation oncologists, medical physicists and related scientists promoting excellence in patient care and health care delivery through education, research and technologic innovation. The Society is based in Oak Brook, Ill. (RSNA.org)