



Alliance COVID Safety Protocols for the 2021 Alliance Summit

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The Colorado IDD Provider Community has been a national leader in keeping people healthy and safe during the COVID-19 Pandemic. We need to continue this leadership as Alliance Members gather for our first in-person conference in over two years. Additionally, we cannot ignore the rise of COVID-19 Delta Variant cases and the moderate IDD staff vaccination rates. For all attendees' safety, Alliance has decided to implement the following COVID-19 Safety Protocols for the Alliance Summit:

Requirements to attend sessions at the 2021 Alliance Summit:

- All attendees must show proof of vaccination at check-in or present a negative COVID-19 test that was taken within 72-hours prior to September 14th. You can also [email this information](#) in advance for faster check-in.
- Regardless of vaccination status, all attendees will be required to wear a mask or face covering while participating in all Alliance-sponsored events, except for when actively eating or drinking.
- When possible, we will encourage social distancing for all sessions, including breakouts and networking events.

All attendees should agree to or understand the following:

- Attendees should only participate in the conference if they are healthy and are not exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19.
- Attendees should not participate in the conference if they have had direct contact with, or exposure to, any individuals experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms within 14 days prior to September 14th.
- Alliance recommends all participants be fully vaccinated prior to attending conference events.
- Attendees recognize that it is impossible to eliminate the risk of exposure to COVID-19, and they recognize that if they belong to a high-risk category (age 65+; underlying health issues), their risk of becoming severely ill from COVID-19 and developing complications from the disease, which could include hospitalization and death, is elevated.
- Participation at the 2021 Alliance Summit is voluntary, and attendees expressly assume all risks associated with exposure to COVID-19 and waive any claim they may have against Alliance and its staff, event leaders, and volunteers.
- Alliance will provide, and requests attendees wear, color-coded bracelets or stickers to identify comfort level of interacting with other attendees (**Green- handshakes and hugs are welcomed**; **Yellow- no physical contact please**; **Red- 6-foot social distance is appreciated**). These will be given at check-in. Please respect everyone's comfort level at this event.

These extra precautions, while undesirable, will allow us to gather with peace of mind that we are all being respectful of each other. If the requirements above affect your ability to attend the conference, you **must** contact [Kylie Kampbell](#) before September 7. Thank you for helping to create a safe space for our conference attendees.

These protocols take into account guidance and best practices from Summit County, the State of Colorado, and the CDC.

