ASN is following best practices recommended by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as well as ASN’s health and safety policies, and will abide by the legal mandates from the state of Florida and the city of Orlando at the time of ASN Kidney Week 2022 (“Kidney Week”). The health and safety measures will be updated here as planning for Kidney Week continues. If you cannot or choose not to comply with the in-person/onsite health and safety requirements, we encourage you to explore Kidney Week’s virtual option.

Proof of Vaccination
ALL in-person attendees, staff, vendors, and all other participants will be required to provide proof that they are fully vaccinated or will be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 by October 31, 2022, prior to Kidney Week. Because Kidney Week is an international meeting that will take place in the United States, ASN can only recognize vaccines that are fully-approved or authorized for use during a public health emergency by the US Food and Drug Administration’s Emergency Use Authorization or by the World Health Organization’s Emergency Use Listing. More information on providing proof of vaccination will be posted in October 2022.

For the purposes of right of entry to Kidney Week, a person is considered fully vaccinated:
• 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, or
• 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen vaccine, or
• Full vaccination of another vaccine listed on the WHO Emergency Use Listing.

Mask Requirement
Effective February 25, 2022, the CDC has updated its face coverings/mask guidance. This guidance consists of COVID-19 Community Levels of low, medium, and high. Since CDC and local policies are updated frequently in response to changes with COVID-19, ASN at this time will require masks for all in-person participants, unless they are actively eating or drinking, at all ASN official events, including but not limited to those taking place at the Orange County Convention Center, Hyatt Regency Orlando, other ASN official hotels, or on shuttles. ASN may adjust this requirement in response to CDC and local policy changes and will post updated information by September 2022.
Physical Distancing
All Kidney Week participants should expect physical distancing in high-traffic areas, meeting rooms, exhibit floor, and event space in accordance with local and venue regulations. Kidney Week will adhere to capacity standards in accordance with local and state authorities to control the density of the exhibit floor and meeting rooms.

Through increased use of technology and pre-mailing badges, Kidney Week aims to avoid lines and entry transactions. There will be registration hours on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, and Wednesday, November 2, 2022, prior to the start of Kidney Week to reduce lines on Thursday, November 3, 2022. All participants are encouraged to register online before the meeting and have their badge mailed to them or utilize the Self Registration kiosks available onsite. Registration counters will have a partition between participants and registration staff.

Attendee/audience seating may be modified to allow for compliance with reduced capacity guidelines, and room sets may be modified to accommodate increased spacing. Social distancing cards will be available at ASN Services and ASN Registration for participants to put on the seats next to them to encourage social distancing. All educational sessions will be recorded and will be available on the Kidney Week virtual platform for both in-person and virtual participants.

Health Monitoring
Individuals should monitor their symptoms before and during Kidney Week. If you test positive for COVID-19 before the event, please do not attend. If you present symptoms and test positive for COVID-19 during the event, please notify ASN immediately at meetings@asn-online.org.

Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Claims
Participants choosing to attend in-person must agree to the terms of the Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Claims (“Waiver”) during the registration process.

By agreeing to this Waiver, participants acknowledge that they have made the decision to attend Kidney Week in-person with the full understanding of the inherent risks of such decision and acknowledge and agree to these risks. Please see the full Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Claims.

International Attendance
Please refer to the US Department of State’s COVID-19 Travel Information for air travelers to the US. This information continues to be updated and is subject to change.
Food and Beverage
Water bottles will be encouraged, and water coolers will be placed in strategic locations throughout the Orange County Convention Center.

Food and beverage events are optional to all participants, and participants may remove masks while actively eating or drinking.

Cleaning and Disinfecting
Meeting rooms and foyer spaces will be thoroughly cleaned overnight and will be cleaned during the day between sessions.

Restrooms will be regularly and thoroughly cleaned during event hours and include the following touch-free items: soap dispensers, sink faucets, toilet fixtures, paper towel and toilet paper dispensers.

Hand-sanitizer stations will be provided near building entrances, meeting rooms, and lobbies. Touch-free dispensers will be used wherever possible, and a schedule will be established for re-filling the stations.

Hotels
All hotels within the Kidney Week hotel block have implemented the following measures:
- Heightened cleaning protocols for high-traffic areas such as the front desk, fitness centers and pools, as well as other high-touch surfaces throughout the hotel, using hospital-grade disinfectant approved by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to combat the spread of COVID-19.
- Reduced contact at check-in and digital check-in provided.
- Furniture arrangements designed to encourage appropriate social distancing in accordance with CDC guidelines.
- Housekeeping “on-demand” options that allows guests to request delivery of additional toiletries, towels, linens, or coffee without having a housekeeper enter the room.

Shuttle Buses
Kidney Week’s shuttle bus partner, SEAT Planners, has developed “Clean SEAT” guidelines that meet or exceed current CDC recommendations for the travel and event industry. SEAT Planners partners with local operators that ensure drivers are healthy and symptom-free before leaving the operator’s yard. Drivers will clean high-touch areas throughout the day using recommended personal protective equipment (PPE) and EPA/CDC disinfectants.

Attendees utilizing shuttle buses will be required to practice posted personal safety guidelines set by the CDC considerations for travelers. Hand sanitizers and masks will be available.