



**KIDNEY  
WEEK** 2022  
Nov. 3-6 | Orlando, FL

## Health and Safety Information and Policies

***This information is subject to change.  
Information as of October 18, 2022.***

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. Please upload your proof of vaccination [here](#). If you uploaded by September 14, 2022, your meeting badge will be mailed to you.

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.

ASN will permit participants to submit a negative PCR viral COVID test administered by a health care professional within 72 hours of arrival at the meeting in lieu of proof of vaccination. Participants can provide this negative COVID test onsite at Kidney Week. ASN will also offer an onsite testing option to those participants who request it.

### **Mask Requirement**

ASN 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, and on shuttles.

### **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.

**Physical Distancing (cont.)**

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. 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 health before and during Kidney Week. If you are experiencing any symptoms, please do not attend any Kidney Week sessions or events.

**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.

**Cleaning and Disinfecting (cont.)**

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.
- 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 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 disinfectants.

Attendees utilizing shuttle buses will be required to practice posted personal safety guidelines for travelers.