

Expectations and Requirements for Centennial Celebration Participation



We are excited to welcome our members and guests to our [APTA Centennial Celebration events](#) in Washington, D.C., Sept. 10-14. The APTA Board of Directors asks for your help to ensure the safety of all participants at these events, which will be operated consistent with CDC, state, local, and venue guidance and restrictions related to COVID-19. **Participants will receive a final logistics email on Sept. 7 with this and additional information.**

UPDATED: As of Sept. 7, these are our expectations for participation:

- **Proof of Vaccine or Negative Test:** In order for participants to pick up their required badge and related event tickets at registration, attendees must show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of registration. (A photo of your vaccination card on your phone is acceptable.) Those showing proof of a negative COVID-19 test are responsible for finding a testing facility and getting tested (see Health and Wellness Station section below). The Kennedy Center, which is hosting our McMillan Lecture and Honors & Awards Ceremony, also will require proof of vaccination or a **negative PCR test** within 72 hours of participation, along with a corresponding government-issued ID.
- **Getting Tests:** Those showing proof of a negative COVID-19 test are responsible for finding a testing facility and getting tested. If arriving by air, [Dulles International](#) and [Reagan National](#) offer onsite testing through [XpresCheck](#) by appointment. The [Cleveland Park GW Immediate and Primary Care facility](#) (two miles or one Metrorail stop from the Omni Shoreham) also provides COVID-19 tests and accepts most major insurance plans. Another option is to make an appointment with [Sameday Health](#).
- **Reporting Positive Tests:** Attendees who develop symptoms that could be COVID-19, or test positive for COVID-19, should immediately remove themselves from participation in our events and send an email to alert@apta.org. Your identity will remain confidential, but this will enable our contact tracing procedures so that we can notify those who participated in the same events about the positive test. You will be asked to identify any individuals with whom you were in close contact.
- **Masks:** Regardless of vaccination status, masks will be required for all indoor events, except when speaking at a microphone as part of event proceedings or when in the act of eating or drinking.
- **Food and drink:** Although guests may remove masks while eating or drinking, food and beverage will be prohibited inside the House of Delegates ballroom, the Kennedy Center Eisenhower Theater, and the Capital Turnaround auditorium (the Future of Physical Therapy Summit venue).
- **Personal responsibility:** Attendees should refrain from participation if exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms. This includes fever and other flu-like symptoms, coughing or shortness of breath, and the inability to taste or smell. Delta variant symptoms may also include sore throat, runny nose, or headache. If you are symptomatic or believe you have been exposed to COVID-19, please get a test and contact APTA if it is positive.

In addition to the above, APTA will take the following actions:

- **Contact tracing:** APTA is required to provide participant lists to all our venues. Participants are expected to report any positive tests so we can perform contact tracing, if necessary.
- **Health and wellness station:** At our headquarters hotel, the Omni Shoreham, APTA will have a health and wellness station. A limited supply of rapid self-tests will be available via APTA's Health and Wellness Station at the Omni Shoreham to assist those who would like to **monitor their status**, however **the results of these self-tests can't be used as proof of a negative COVID-19 test** to meet our participation requirements.

- **Complimentary masks:** APTA-branded cloth masks will be included in the attendee gift bag available at event registration. In addition, extra cloth masks and disposable masks will be provided throughout the event venues.
- **Indicator ribbons:** At registration, participants may pick up ribbons for their badges to indicate if they would prefer elbow bumps to handshakes or would prefer to avoid physical contact altogether.

The above approach is consistent with current guidance. We are looking forward to celebrating with you, and we thank you for your critical partnership to enable everyone to have a healthy experience.