

WEDA 2022 Summer Conference Health Measures

The Washington Economic Development Association (WEDA) is committed to providing a safe environment at our conferences. WEDA will require in-person attendees and staff to fully comply with the guidance from the State of Washington and Thurston County Public Health at the point of the Conference. WEDA is committed to following the basic methods of COVID-19 prevention outlined by the State of Washington Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Conference Venue COVID-19 Safety Requirements

- Conference attendees will be required to show proof that COVID-19 vaccinations are updated, or proof of negative results on a PCR COVID-19 test no more than 48 hours prior to arrival at the conference.
- All attendees, regardless of vaccination status, are strongly encouraged to complete a [COVID-19 antigen](#) or PCR test prior to attendance at the conference, and to stay home if their result is positive. The WEDA Staff Team and Executive Committee are 100% vaccinated and will test prior to traveling to the conference.
- Consistent with the most recent CDC guidance, conference attendees are encouraged to wear face coverings in indoor or outdoor areas unless actively eating or drinking, regardless of vaccination status.

Physical Distancing

- WEDA's 2022 Summer Conference has limited the number of in-person attendees and will use conference spaces that allow for safety guidelines provided by the State of Washington Department of Health.
- To limit the sharing of frequently touched objects, the Conference will be almost entirely paperless. Conference materials will be shared electronically.

Venue Cleaning & Disinfecting

- **Enhanced Public Space Cleaning:** The Four Points by Sheraton Bellingham Hotel & Conference Center has increased the frequency of cleaning and disinfection, particularly in areas with high traffic including restrooms, elevators and escalators as well as provided more hand sanitizing stations. They use enhanced technologies, including electrostatic sprayers with hospital-grade disinfectants, to support its already rigorous cleanliness protocols.
- [Click here](#) to read the Four Points by Sheraton Bellingham & Conference Center's "**Commitment to Clean.**"

Healthy Operations

- WEDA encourages attendees who are sick or who have had close contact with a person with COVID-19 to [stay home](#) and self-monitor. *Note: Registration fees will be refunded; attendees will also have the option to donate or defer their registration fees to the next WEDA conference.*
- Depending on local health department guidelines, WEDA staff may check attendees for [signs or symptoms](#) of COVID-19.