

Health & Safety FAQ – 2022 International Education Symposium (IES)

1. Is being vaccinated against COVID-19 required to register for IES 2022?

*With the safety and wellbeing of SA members and attendees held in the highest regard, the International Board of Directors made the decision to require that all on-site attendees, faculty, staff and competitors be **fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (with the exception of those with a qualifying exemption) to attend IES 2022 in San Antonio, Texas (USA)**. Booster shots are recommended, when eligible.*

2. What about competitors for Rising Star and Diamond Division?

Competitors will be required to adhere to the same health and safety protocols as all attendees in order to attend IES 2022.

3. What does it mean to be “fully vaccinated”?

A person is considered fully vaccinated:

- *Two weeks after their second dose in a two-dose vaccine series*, such as Pfizer and Moderna.*
- *Two weeks after a single-dose vaccine*, such as Johnson & Johnson.*

This applies to all COVID-19 vaccines authorized for use and emergency use by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and COVID-19 vaccines authorized for emergency use by the World Health Organization, as well as vaccines authorized or approved by the national health authority of the country where it was administered on or before **June 29, 2022.*

4. What vaccines are accepted?

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What if I have a health or religious exemption?

Anyone who has a medical condition, disability, or religious/spiritual belief or practice that does not allow them to receive the COVID-19 vaccine can apply for an exemption. Applications and letters can be submitted after July 1, 2022 or presented on-site in San Antonio. The Upload process will be detailed prior to July 1. Negative test results must be uploaded to the third-party portal. Instructions on how to upload to the third-party portal will be emailed to each registrant prior to IES.

REQUIRED to apply for an exemption:

- *Completed and signed COVID-19 Vaccination Exemption Application ([Download](#)).*

- *A signed letter from either a certified medical doctor or religious/spiritual leader confirming that you are not able to receive the COVID-19 Vaccine.*
- *Negative COVID-19 (Molecular, PCR, or Antigen) test within 72 hours prior to picking up your registration packet. Home testing kits will not be accepted.*

For additional questions on this process, contact events@sweetadelines.com.

5. When will I be required to present proof of vaccine?

Attendees will be required to upload a proof of vaccine several weeks prior to the event. Registered attendees will receive an email with a link to upload documentation to a secure portal several weeks in advance of the event. Attendees will be sent confirmation of entry status prior to the event and will be required to show right of entry status on-site for access to the event. More details on this process coming soon.

6. What happens if I register, but then feel unsafe attending closer to the event date?

We understand that the last few years have given everyone their fair share of unknowns and concerns. Due to the unpredictable nature of COVID-19, for this year's event, all registrations will be fully refundable up until the event date. Contact events@sweetadelines.com for all questions related to registration refunds.

7. What happens if IES is cancelled?

SA does not foresee IES being cancelled, but should it be deemed impossible to hold an in-person event, all registrations will be refunded.

8. Will there be a mask requirement for events?

Masking requirements and other safety protocols will be determined at a later date as we get closer to the event with consideration of current local, national and venue recommendations, mandates and guidelines.

9. Does Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas have safety protocols in place?

Trinity University is frequently updating their protocols to keep students, faculty, and visitors healthy. You may view the current Trinity University Safety Protocol on their [website](#).

10. Will there be a virtual option for those that are unable to attend in person?

As of right now, there will not be a IES virtual registration option for those that are unable to attend.

Additional Questions? Email events@sweetadelines.com.