

## Health & Safety FAQ for 2022 International Convention and Competition

### 1. Is being vaccinated against COVID-19 required to register for 2022 International Convention and Competition?

*With the safety and well-being 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, exhibitors, staff and competitors be **fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (with the exception of those with a qualifying exemption) to attend the 2022 International Convention and Competition in Phoenix, Ariz. (USA)**. Booster shots are recommended, when eligible.*

### 2. What about competitors?

*Competitors will be required to adhere to the same health and safety protocols as all attendees in order to attend International Convention and Competition in Phoenix, Ariz. (USA).*

### 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 **August 22, 2022**.*

### 4. What vaccines are accepted?

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### 5. What if I have a medical or religious/spiritual 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 Phoenix. 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 Convention.*

**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](mailto:events@sweetadelines.com).

**6. 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. Attendees will be required to show right of entry status on-site for access to the competition and convention. More details on this process coming soon.*

**7. 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](mailto:events@sweetadelines.com) for all questions related to registration refunds.*

**8. What happens if Phoenix is cancelled?**

*SA does not foresee Phoenix being cancelled, but should it be deemed impossible to hold an in-person event, all registrations will be refunded and alternate plans may be made to connect Sweet Adelines around the globe.*

**9. 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.*

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

*Can't join us in Phoenix? You will have the option to participate in a virtual webcast, so you don't have to miss a second of the thrilling performances! More information coming soon.*

**11. Does the Phoenix Convention Center have safety procedures in place?**

*The Phoenix Convention Center has gone through an extensive multi-step process to become a [GBAC STAR](#) accredited facility. They have implemented*

the program's twenty elements in their daily cleaning procedures. For information on what the Phoenix Convention Center is doing to minimize the spread of COVID-19, visit their [Health and Safety Protocol Webpage](#). Additional venue safety procedures may be announced at a later date on the event webpage.

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