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## 54<sup>th</sup> AABP Annual Conference COVID Protocols

We have had some members contact the AABP office and ask what the requirements will be for attendance in Salt Lake City for the 54<sup>th</sup> AABP Annual Conference October 7-9, 2021. The AABP Board of Directors, staff and program committee understand that things can change at a moment's notice, therefore this notice applies to the situation today. We will be prepared to adapt and change as many times as needed and have successfully demonstrated that at our previous conferences!

AABP will follow the state and local regulations that are in place at the time of the conference. Currently there are no requirements for vaccination against COVID-19 or masking. As it stands today, we are planning for a "normal" conference regarding room sets and food service. We will implement cleaning and sanitation measures and encourage attendees to do the same. If requirements change in Salt Lake City, the Salt Palace Convention Center, or the hotel, we will notify the membership of the changes and will adapt our conference to those changes as needed.

As a science-based organization, we encourage everyone to be fully vaccinated as the best possible means of protection against the COVID-19 virus. We also support any attendee who chooses to wear a mask while in attendance and we will have masks available, as well as hand sanitizer and wipes for attendees to use. We ask that if anyone is feeling ill for any reason to please not attend the conference.

Virtual registration is available for members who do not feel comfortable attending or are at high risk for serious illness if they contract COVID-19. All members who register for in-person attendance can also participate virtually should they not be able to attend or if they want to stay in their room for certain sessions. Members can also change their registration type by contacting <a href="mailto:abphq@aabp.org">abphq@aabp.org</a> or calling 419-496-0685.

You can register for the conference by going to this <u>link</u>. Pre-registration closes on September 3 so register today!

If you have questions regarding our conference, please contact Dr. Fred Gingrich at <u>fred@aabp.org</u> or mobile phone at 419-606-3558.