



ELA places the health and safety of its members first and foremost. With that in mind, please see below for Frequently Asked Questions outlining the COVID-19 protocols that will be in place for the 2021 ELA Symposium.

What are ELA’s expectations for masking during Symposium?

As a matter of respect and care for your peers and colleagues, all attendees and staff will be expected to wear masks indoors at the conference symposium, except when actively eating or drinking. We expect all attendees to fully observe this expectation, which includes wearing a properly fitting mask that covers both the nose and mouth.

What are ELA’s plans related to physical distancing?

In accordance with CDC guidelines, ELA has worked with Dallas College to ensure social distancing between seats in all sessions, and we have a careful plan to maximize spacing in high-traffic areas. We will update these plans if CDC guidelines change.

What are ELA’s expectations for participant vaccination?

We encourage all participants to plan ahead and receive full inoculation no less than two weeks prior to the start of the event. ELA cannot legally require event participants to receive COVID-19 vaccinations, and we recognize it is unlikely that 100 percent of attendees will have done so. To encourage vaccinations, all participants who show proof of vaccination at the cocktail reception on December 2 will receive an autographed copy of “The ERG Handbook”.

What happens if I need to change my in-person registration to virtual for pandemic-related reasons?

November 20 is the date by which event registrants can change between virtual and in-person attendance (subject to in-person ticket availability) for any reason. However, we strongly discourage event participation for those who experience COVID-19 symptoms, even if you receive a negative test result. If you are experiencing symptoms, please contact ELA to be switched to virtual participation. Please refer to the [CDC's guidelines for deciding when NOT to travel](#) for additional information.

What should I do if I experience COVID-19 symptoms on-site?

ELA expects all guests to self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms on-site. If you experience symptoms, we strongly discourage continued participation in the event. Additionally, we will assist you in finding a local testing site.

What are ELA's requirements for event staff?

ELA is committed to a safe and healthy work environment. Staff working on-site are required to mask indoors, self-monitor and if they are experiencing symptoms, they must not participate in the event.