

SHEA's Current COVID Safety Policies and Procedures*

**Subject to change*

COVID-19 Vaccination for Attendees

Verification of COVID-19 vaccination status is no longer required for attendees, speakers, employees or guests to access SHEA Spring 2024. Although no longer mandatory, SHEA strongly encourages all attendees to receive all CDC- recommended vaccines, including updated COVID-19 vaccines.

Health and Safety Measures

Vaccination status will not impact access to facilities, travel, or participation at SHEA Spring. However, we strongly support individual decisions to mask. Attendees, employees, and guests are reminded to adhere to any relevant health and safety guidelines and protocols issued by local health authorities or regulatory bodies.

Masking

Masks are recommended but not required for anyone that prefers to wear one for their own personal safety and comfort but will be at each attendee's personal discretion. Attendees should bring their own masks, but we will also have a limited number available at registration, upon request. We ask all attendee to respect all participants' personal choice on masking.

Experiencing Symptoms

Attendees, speakers, and staff should not attend the Spring Conference with a confirmed case of COVID-19. SHEA recommends purchasing travel insurance in the event you need to cancel. SHEA Speakers who are unable to attend due to a confirmed case will be able to either provide their presentation by pre-recorded video or a replacement speaker will be selected to present.

Additionally, attendees, speakers and staff shall not attend the Spring Conference on any day when experiencing symptoms, even if mild, of COVID-19, including fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, runny nose, nausea or vomiting. All registrants who experience symptoms associated with COVID-19 while attending the SHEA Spring Conference are required to immediately discontinue their participation in the conference and are encouraged to immediately seek medical care. Attendees with these symptoms should isolate and consider testing.

Local Healthcare Providers and Testing Centers:

- Southwest Multi-Service Center - 6400 High Star Dr, Houston, TX 77074
- MinuteClinic Inside CVS Pharmacy - 5402 Westheimer Road, Houston, TX 77056

Registrants who discontinue their participation in the conference after becoming ill can access post conference recordings to complete their participation in SHEA Spring.

Post Conference Reminder

If you experience any symptoms after attending SHEA Spring, we recommend testing, isolating, and contacting your physician for further recommendations.

These policies are guided by SHEA's commitment to science, public health, safety, evidenced-based medical practice, and the law. The policies are subject to modification at any time based on new information.