



NATIONAL RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION AND THE NATIONAL RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION VACCINATION POLICY FOR IN-PERSON EVENTS

The National Restaurant Association, The National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation, and their affiliated organizations (collectively, the “Organizations”) are committed to safeguarding the health and welfare of their attendees, exhibitors, partners, and team members attending external events conducted by the Organizations. Just as the Organizations have set a policy requiring COVID-19 vaccination for all of their team members and office visitors, in order to enable in-person events to take place with lower risk to participants, effective immediately, the Organizations will require proof of COVID-19 vaccination or negative testing for admittance to in-person meetings and events.

This policy is based on guidance and recommendations issued by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other public health authorities. The COVID-19 vaccines approved by the FDA for emergency use authorization and the vaccines that the FDA has fully approved have been determined to be critical in reducing the community prevalence of COVID-19.

Beginning with the NRA/NRAEF Winter Board Meeting on January 25-27, 2022 and extending to all in-person meetings and events afterward until further notice, all registrants for meetings or events will be required to:

- Be fully vaccinated as specified by the CDC (with full vaccination completed at least two weeks prior to the event) against COVID-19; or
- Provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test (PCR or Rapid Antigen) taken within 72 hours of arrival at the event.

We are working on a technology solution that will enable meeting registrants to submit proof of COVID-19 vaccination or negative test. After registering for the meeting or event, you will receive an email instructing you as to how to upload your information and proof of vaccination or recent negative test with a third-party service provider. In order to maintain the health and safety of our staff, we WILL NOT be able to verify vaccine or testing status in person. All attendees must have verified their status through the service provider.

We will also require registrants to submit an Event Acknowledgment Waiver and Release (COVID and Likeness) upon registering for a meeting or event and to comply with all state or local health or mask mandates in place for the event location.

For those who are not able to comply with this policy, we will make every reasonable effort to provide an opportunity for virtual attendance and/or participation.