47th AMATYC Annual Conference
Phoenix, Arizona

COVID POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Your health and safety are very important to us! COVID-19 is very contagious, and the risk of exposure exists in any location. The steps indicated here are meant to minimize risk, but cannot guarantee your safety. We will continue to monitor CDC guidelines, as well as state and local requirements in Phoenix, and will modify these policies as appropriate. Policies are subject to change without notice. Please be kind to our staff and to each other by following these guidelines and respecting directions given by AMATYC leadership and hotel staff while at the conference.

BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

- **Get vaccinated!** Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself, your family, and your community.¹ Thank you for doing your part to protect the AMATYC community!
- **Get your supply of masks.** Masks are required for airline travel and for public transportation. Masks will be required indoors at all times during the conference. Masks may not have valves or vents. Face shields may not be substituted for masks (but may be worn in addition to masks).²

IF YOU FEEL SICK – DO NOT COME!

- Please contact the AMATYC office at amatyc@amaytc.org about your conference registration.
- Remember to contact the hotel and your airline directly.

THE SHERATON HOTEL

- **Enhanced cleaning and ventilation:** The Sheraton Phoenix Downtown is part of Marriott International’s Commitment to Clean, uses enhanced cleaning protocols such as electrostatic spraying, and has upgraded air filters in guest rooms, corridors, and public areas.³
- **Mask policy:** There may be guests in the hotel who are not associated with the conference. The hotel does not require fully vaccinated guests to wear face coverings in the hotel, but does ask unvaccinated guests to wear face coverings in the hotel’s public spaces.⁴ AMATYC will require masks in all conference areas.
- **Contactless Experience with the Marriott Bonvoy App:** Download the Marriott Bonvoy App for mobile check-in and check-out, to use your phone as your room key, to order dining, and to communicate with the front desk.

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³ [https://www.sheratonphoenixsafemeetings.com/commitment-to-clean](https://www.sheratonphoenixsafemeetings.com/commitment-to-clean)
⁴ [https://whattoexpect.marriott.com/phxgp](https://whattoexpect.marriott.com/phxgp)
REGISTRATION

- **Distancing:** Floor markers will help you and your colleagues distance during registration.
- **Touchless Badge Printing:** You’ll scan a QR code to check-in at the conference and print your badge. (Unlike in the past, you won’t also have the alternative of typing your name on a touchscreen.) We’ll send your QR code multiple times, and there will be staff available to help you if you need it.
- **Reduced touchpoints:** Our staff will be wearing gloves while preparing and distributing conference bags and materials. We will be reducing the number of touchpoints during registration.
- **Plexiglass barriers:** Our registration counters will include plexiglass barriers.

SESSIONS

- **Distancing:** Presentation rooms will be set up to make it easy for attendees to social distance.
- **Electronic Handouts:** Presenters will be encouraged to load their session handouts in the Whova conference app, rather than distribute paper copies. Be sure to watch for the personalized email that will contain your Whova login.

EXHIBIT HALL

- **Distancing:** We have removed a number of booths from the Exhibit Hall in order to create wider aisles and increase the spacing between vendors.
- **Giveaways:** To discourage crowding, exhibitors are being asked to space out any giveaways throughout the conference, rather than just having them during the Grand Opening.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE EVENTS

- **Friday and Saturday Breakfasts:** Your food will be served in a portable way and will be available for pickup in the Phoenix Front Foyer. Feel free to take your breakfast to your room to eat it. For vaccinated attendees who feel comfortable, there will be a ballroom set aside where you can remove your mask and eat your breakfast. That ballroom will not be used for any conference sessions. After eating your breakfast, put your mask back on and head to your regional meeting (Friday) or the keynote session (Saturday).
- **Hospitality Area:** For hors d’oeuvres served in the Hospitality Area, you may briefly move your mask aside to take a bite or a sip. Wear your mask between bites and sips.
- **Smaller Food Events:** The conference includes several small food events to which certain attendees are invited, including the AMATYC Leadership Reception, the ACCCESS Reception and Dinner, and the Affiliate Presidents Luncheon. These food events have been scheduled in outdoor spaces which can accommodate smaller gatherings. Masks may be removed during the food portion of these events.

Thank you for following these guidelines and doing your part to protect the AMATYC Community!

Updated 9-19-2021
Stop the spread of germs | COVID-19

- Get a COVID-19 vaccine.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.
- Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arm lengths) from other people.
- When in public, wear a mask over your nose and mouth.
- Do not touch your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.


CDC: cdc.gov/coronavirus