COVID-19 Safety Measures for 2021 NAEMSE Symposium
26th Annual NAEMSE EMS Educators Symposium & Trade Show
Omni Orlando Resort at Championsgate | August 3 – 8, 2021

Most Important:

If you are experiencing a fever, sore throat, loss of smell, loss of taste or any of the symptoms associated with COVID OR have reason to believe OR know that you have been directly exposed to COVID, in advance of the NAEMSE Symposium, we ask that you DO NOT attend this event in person!

This is particularly important if you have to travel, by any public means (air, train, motor vehicle, bus, etc), to attend the NAEMSE Symposium. If upon your arrival or at any time during the NAEMSE Symposium feel ill, have a fever, sore throat, experience loss of smell or loss of taste or experience any of the other symptoms of COVID, please DO NOT enter the venue area or interact with others at any time during the NAEMSE Symposium. Should you, at any time during the NAEMSE Symposium, experience or begin to experience symptoms associated with COVID or generally feel ill, please IMMEDIATELY alert a NAEMSE representative so that we can assist you in locating and obtaining a COVID test near the Symposium and/or make plans to return home safely.

Masks:

At all times relevant, during the NAEMSE Symposium, NAEMSE will require masks to be worn, covering a person’s mouth and nose, of all staff, attendees, faculty, exhibitors, and guests during Symposium. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in you forfeiting your registration at the NAEMSE Symposium. At all times relevant, the County of Osceola, in which the NAEMSE Symposium shall be held, requires that all persons in attendance at the NAEMSE Symposium wear masks, covering both the nose and mouth, in any and all common areas of the hotel, including but not limited to hallways, elevators, stairwells, lobbies, restaurants, pools, golf courses or other public common areas. In the event that the safety protocols, currently in force and effect should change due to recommendations of the CDC or other health care agencies, NAEMSE will notify you immediately of the changes to safety protocols.
The Omni Orlando Resort at Championsgate:

The Omni Orlando Hotel has assured us they are ready to host our event and have taken necessary precautions to keep the venue sanitized. Any questions regarding their COVID safety protocols should be submitted directly to the hotel, as NAEMSE cannot provide answers about what they are doing (or not doing), as NAEMSE is not in control of nor has oversight of the hotel, its representatives, staff or other guests. Without waiving the same, the Omni Orlando Resort at Championsgate, via its website, has the following notice:

*The Omni Safe & Clean initiative follows the guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and each individual Omni location will adhere to local and/or federal mandates. Protocols and guidelines from these authorities are expected to evolve, and as such, so will our below processes and procedures. Similarly, these guidelines meet or exceed the “Stay Safe” initiative set forth by the American Hotel & Lodging Association (AHLA).* [https://www.omnihotels.com/omni-safe-and-clean](https://www.omnihotels.com/omni-safe-and-clean)

Seating During General, Breakout Sessions & Exhibit Hall:

We will make every effort to ensure that tables, seats, chairs, booths, etc. are socially distanced, to the extent possible, such that you are not sitting next to someone you do not know.

Meal & Beverage Service:

Keeping with NAEMSE tradition the hotel will provide a meal service during the exhibit hall hours that is either served by the staff (served buffet-style, but without shared serving utensils) or a box lunch to avoid everyone touching the same surfaces. The hotel has held themselves out as an expert in this area, and as such, NAEMSE can only require that they comply with safety protocols *that meet or exceed the “Stay Safe” initiative set forth by the American Hotel & Lodging Association*. We will also continue to have coffee stations throughout Symposium – said distribution shall also be subject to the same safety protocols and therefore, may be modified or changed to comply with the same.

Contact Tracing:

Because any disclosure, sharing, publication or dissemination of any kind of a person’s private medical information would be a violation of their privacy rights, NAEMSE will NOT be doing contact tracing and notifications of any kind to attendees regarding people who discover during or after the Symposium that they tested positive for COVID. If you attend the event and believe you may have
exposed people while there, you are free to notify those who you were in close contact with. This is entirely up to you because we cannot know who you were in contact with at the event, whether you contracted it at the event (or somewhere else) and if you passed it on to someone while at the event.

**Temperature Checks:**

In keeping with the stated regulations and expectations of the State of Florida and Osceola County, the Omni Orlando Resort at Championsgate will not be requiring temperature checks upon entry to the hotel, exhibit hall, or any other Symposium locations. As previously stated, however, we implore that you DO NOT attend any sessions, visit any Symposium locations, or interact in-person with ANY Symposium attendees if you are exhibiting ANY of the symptoms of COVID-19. These symptoms include but are not limited to fever, sore throat, loss of smell/taste, coughing, sneezing, or any other symptoms associated with COVID-19.

Ultimately, we will comply with laws and safety protocols in place at the time of Symposium, which may be adapted from the protocols outlines here. We will continue to update attendees and exhibitors of current protocols as the event approaches.