BNMS Covid 19 Policy and processes

The health and safety of our exhibitors, delegates, speakers, and staff will always be our number one priority. To ensure BNMS comply with the COVID-19 secure standards, we are still being cautious and will be following the government guidelines and working collaboratively with the venue. BNMS will follow any Scottish government advice provided at the time of our event and the Scottish Event Campus (SEC) Glasgow policies for events will be adhered to.

Guidance on Covid 19 transmission prevention requirements will be provided nearer the time.

This may include but is not limited to:

- Requirement for full vaccination and/or a negative lateral flow test taken within 24 hours of entry to the event.
- Face masks
- Social distancing
- Increased cleaning routines
- Limit of numbers
- Hand washing
- Ventilation
- Hygiene screens

In addition:

Government guidance relating to enforced closures will be checked daily

A detailed risk assessment will be carried out and the event will go ahead if assessed to be safe with the necessary precautions in place.

The venue will have enhanced cleaning procedures, with handwashing and sanitising facilities at frequent intervals. The venue will employ the highest standards of food safety, minimising self-service buffets in favour of pre-packaged food options where possible.

Any persons presenting with a positive lateral flow test or symptoms including a high temperature, new or continuous cough or lack of taste or smell should not travel to the venue.

All registrants who experience symptoms associated with COVID-19 while attending the BNMS Annual Conference are required to immediately discontinue their participation in the conference.

Post-event

All registrants and guests who test positive for COVID-19 within 10 days after returning home from the BNMS Annual Conference in Glasgow are encouraged to notify the BNMS staff.

PLEASE NOTE: These protocols may be revised from time to time to reflect changing pandemic-related circumstances and the latest guidance from appropriate public health officials and Scottish Event Campus.

COVID REFUND POLICY

If the event needs to be rescheduled or moved to a virtual event due to Covid-19 pandemic, we will inform you immediately. All delegate registrations, exhibitor fees and sponsorship will be transferred to the rescheduled event. If you are unable or do not wish to attend the rescheduled
event we welcome substitute delegates attending in your place at no additional cost. Alternatively you will be offered a credit note or you can request a full refund.

BNMS cannot be responsible for additional costs incurred such as hotels and travel. (See BNMS Annual meeting terms and conditions)

It may be necessary, due to unforeseen circumstances, to alter the programme, venue and/or speakers.