Western Forum for Migrant and Community Health 2022

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Registration

What is the cost to attend the 2022 Western Forum for Migrant and Community Health?
The Forum cost is as follows:

- Attendee: $375
- Presenter (Full Conference): $150
- Student/CHW: $150
- Virtual Only: $100

My friend/colleague/supervisor wants to join. Can I share my link?
Your link to the event is unique to you. If you have a friend/colleague or supervisor who wants to attend, please have them register here.

Can I register onsite?
No, we will need time for CrowdPass to verify attendees vaccination cards. Therefore registration will close on February 9th at close of business (PST).

Do I have to attend all three days?
No, you can register for the 2022 Western Forum for Migrant and Community Health and attend as few or as many sessions as you want, or that your schedule allows, and/or visit our sponsors and exhibitors at any time.

The pre-recorded sessions will be made available for all attendees to view beginning Monday, February 14, 2022. The links to the pre-recorded sessions can be found in the Agenda through the virtual platform. A live Q&A with the presenter(s) will be available during the last 30 minutes of the designated session times.

What can I expect after I register?
You will receive a confirmation email after you register to the email address you provided. You do not need to select sessions at the time you register. However, we will be sending an email on how to download the event app and select sessions to create your schedule for each day of the event.
I'm not sure if I properly registered for the conference/session, what do I do now?
Please check your junk/spam folder. If you are still unable to find your confirmation email, you can reach us at registration@nwrpca.org and we are happy to assist.

Sessions, Sponsors, and Networking

What times are the conference sessions? Where do I find this information?
All information regarding session times and speakers can be found on the Agenda, located here.

Where can I see the agenda, sessions, and speakers?
All content is available on the NWRPCA website.

Additionally, you will be able to access all content on our mobile app and/or virtual platform and be able to personalize your agenda there.

What language(s) will the conference be in?
The 2022 Forum is mostly conducted in English. Spanish interpretation is available upon request when you register.

How do I learn more about the sponsors/exhibitors? How do I meet with them?
You can access sponsors/exhibitors on the mobile app and/or virtual platform as well as visiting them in-person at the conference. To access them, sign into the conference platform. Then, click the Exhibitors & Sponsors tab on the left-hand side of the page.

I attend events for networking. How can I network at this event?
We have several ways to connect with both attendees and exhibitors/sponsors. Please check out our “Community” on the mobile app and/or virtual platform to connect. You can create meet-ups both virtually (by providing a link to your Zoom room) or in-person in Portland.

On Monday, February 14, from 5:00 – 7:00pm PT, we will be hosting a Mercadito & a Welcome Reception.

On Tuesday, February 15, from 5:30 – 6:30pm PT there will be a Networking Reception with Exhibitors & a Raffle.

Can I chat with other attendees directly?
Yes, the mobile app and/or virtual platform allows you to reach out to other attendees. To view fellow attendees, sign in to the Whova event website once available. Then, click the Attendees tab on the left-hand side of the page. Then, click the “Send Message” button for the attendee you’d like to contact.

Will the sessions be recorded?
Yes, if the speaker(s) have given permission. Sessions that are recorded will be available in our Learning Vault post-conference for attendees to access. We will notify you when the recordings are available (typically one to two months post conference).
**Health and Safety**

*Why is NWRPCA insisting on full COVID-19 vaccination?*
After careful consideration NWRPCA Board of Directors determined that the NWRPCA HYBRID Western Forum for Migrant and Community Health can be the most robust, productive, and interactive conference possible by requiring vaccinations for entry.

*What about COVID-19 booster shots?*
It is recommended that if it has been 6 months since your last dose of the COVID-19 vaccination, please receive a booster shot. You will be able to upload all COVID-19 vaccinations into CrowdPass for verification.

*When is the last day to be vaccinated in order to attend the conference?*
You must be fully vaccinated (2 or more doses of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccines) at least 2 weeks prior to the conference. Therefore, the last day to receive a 2nd dose is Monday, March 28, 2022. (Or 1st dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine.)

*Are we required to wear masks?*
Yes, masks are required at all times while attending the conference per mandate of the State of Oregon. They need to cover your nose and mouth at all times unless you are actively eating or drinking. This **DOES NOT** mean that you do not need to wear a mask if you are holding food or drink.

*What is NWRPCA providing to attendees?*
It is now recommended that you bring N95 or KN95 masks (4-5 to last the duration of the conference).

We will have disposable surgical masks on hand, but it is recommended that you bring your own masks that will last you throughout the conference. The CDC suggests that cloth masks be washed daily. The CDC also does not recommend the reuse of disposable surgical masks. With that in mind, we suggest you bring 4-5 masks to last the duration of the conference.

There will also be hand sanitizing stations throughout the meeting spaces.

*Who do I contact if I’m having issues with providing proof of vaccination?*
NWPRCA have partnered with CrowdPass to allow you to securely provide documentation. Instructions and access will be available soon.

*Is COVID-19 testing required prior to attending the conference?*
No, however we encourage you to take an at home test prior to attending.

*Is COVID-19 testing required at any point during the conference?*
No, unless you are showing symptoms or have a known exposure.

*Is NWRPCA collecting, storing, or processing my vaccination information?*
NWRPCA are creating a workflow for attendees, exhibitors, and NWRPCA staff to satisfy the proof of vaccination requirement. NWRPCA will not be collecting or maintaining information about vaccination status.
Specifically, with regard to CrowdPass, NWRPCA only receive confirmation that an attendee satisfied the requirements for access with the equivalent of a red or green result—and never has access to an individual’s private health data.

**Are any other vaccinations required?**
We will not be verifying any other vaccination status, but strongly encourage all attendees to also have annual flu vaccines.

**Is it a HIPAA violation to ask for proof of vaccine?**
It is not a HIPAA violation for NWRPCA to require vaccination. Any organization can ask any employee, customer, or relevant third party whether or not they have been vaccinated against COVID-19 without violating HIPAA. Here is a great resource to help clarify that: [https://www.hipaajournal.com/is-it-a-hipaa-violation-to-ask-for-proof-of-vaccine-status/](https://www.hipaajournal.com/is-it-a-hipaa-violation-to-ask-for-proof-of-vaccine-status/)

**What will be different in the NWRPCA HYBRID 2022 Western Forum for Migrant and Community Health in-person plenary and breakout sessions?**
In breakout sessions, speakers will have the option to use disposable face shields or other protective measures when presenting. NWRPCA will make efforts to ensure panels of speakers are spaced as much as practicable.
Attendee/audience seating will be modified to 4 people per 6 foot round table (instead of the traditional 10 people per 6 foot round table).

**What will be different in the NWRPCA HYBRID 2022 Western Forum for Migrant and Community Health in-person networking events?**
NWRPCA are still exploring best practices for in-person networking events. We will work to offer robust opportunities to engage with your peers and colleagues on-site, with modifications to traditional event settings that help mitigate risks. Specifically, events may include individually portioned food/beverage, alternative food/beverage service protocols, adjusted spacing, and other accommodations. Please stay tuned for more details about specific to in-person networking events.

**Will bulk badge pickup be available for attendees or exhibitors?**
No. Because each attendee, exhibitor, and NWRPCA staff member will need to show proof of vaccination (via CrowdPass) and complete an attestation onsite confirming compliance with NWRPCA HYBRID 2022 Western Forum for Migrant and Community Health and Safety Protocols, each registrant will need to pick up their own badge in person. NWRPCA will provide more details on the location and hours closer to the start of NWRPCA HYBRID 2022 Western Forum for Migrant and Community Health.

**What if I have additional questions?**
NWRPCA will continue to update this website and provide additional communications to attendees and exhibitors; please check back regularly. If you have additional questions, please contact registration@nwrpca.org.

**Do I have to pay to have my vaccination status validated?**
No, this is being provided to attendees, exhibitors, and NWRPCA staff at no cost to the end users.

**Where can I learn more about how CrowdPass is collecting, storing, or processing my information?**
Coming soon.
What are the entry requirements for the Monday and Tuesday Receptions?
Compliance with all NWRPCA Health and Safety Protocols is required for all NWRPCA attendees, exhibitors, and NWRPCA staff.

What are protocols for on-site positive tests?
Coming Soon.

What if I have known exposure risk before coming?
If you have tested positive for COVID-19 or have reason to believe you currently have COVID-19, you should not attend the conference, including if these conditions emerge while you are in Portland. If you have reason to believe you have recently been exposed to COVID-19, please consult your physician to determine appropriate next steps.

NWRPCA encourage all individuals to follow applicable guidance from their care providers and relevant public health authorities. NWRPCA are working to provide a safe and meaningful conference and trust that attendees, exhibitors, and NWRPCA staff will do so as well.

Before picking up their badge, all individuals will be asked to complete the following affirmation:

Safety and Health Protocols
- I understand that NWRPCA and the event venue will have in place safety and health protocols, such as recommended/required mask-wearing, social distancing, cleaning protocols, and room capacities.
- I understand the safety and health protocols may change prior to and/or during the event.
- I agree to follow all safety and health protocols in effect during the event.
- I understand that failure to follow or disregarding any safety and health protocols in effect and required by NWRPCA, the event venue, and the host city and state, may result in ejection from the event, without refund.
- COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. Even with the safety and health protocols in place and implemented, I understand that exposure to and illness from infectious diseases, including but not limited to COVID-19, is still possible.
- I understand that I should not attend the event if I am experiencing or exhibiting any COVID-19 related symptoms or if I have recently been exposed to a person with a positive and confirmed case of COVID-19. I agree that if I experience symptoms of COVID-19 (including fever, cough, and shortness of breath) during the event, I will stop participating and seek appropriate medical attention.
- I also agree to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and contact NWRPCA Event Planner (registration@nwrpca.org) if I experience such symptoms or a diagnosis of COVID-19 within 14 days of attending the event.

We expect all individuals will think carefully about any risk they may pose to others and to make informed choices about travel as well as onsite and external engagement.

Other measures being taken by NWRPCA or the Hotel to maximize efforts to keep attendees safe and healthy.
- We will be housing our attendees in a condensed area of the hotel instead of spread throughout the hotel. For example, our attendees will all be housed on 2 floors instead of some people on every floor. The only exception to this will be ADA requirements. This is in an effort to decrease exposure to people outside of our group.

CEUs
Can I earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs) at this conference?
Yes, we have applied to offer the following types of CEUs (pending approval):

- Continuing Medical Education (CME)
- Continuing Nursing Education (CNE)
- Continuing Professional Education (CPE)
- Continuing Human Resources (HR)
- Continuing Social Work & Counseling Education (NASW)

How many CEU credits can I receive?
CEU totals are based on the type of credit that is being requested and the length of time you are in a session. We will list the type and amount of CEU credits available in the description of each session.

When and how will I receive my CEU credits?
Certificates or certificate access instructions will be sent to recipients within one month after the completion of the conference.

Can I get CEUs if I am not registered?
No, CEUs are available only to participants who have registered. To register please visit the 2022 Western Forum for Migrant and Community Health.

Don’t see the information you are looking for? Contact us at registration@nwrpca.org.