Welcome to the 29th Annual Meeting of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco. We know that you will find this to be an enriching and fulfilling experience. To ensure the safety and security of our attendees and guests, we have composed the following list of safety tips and guidelines for this conference.

1. When inside the conference venue, name tags should be worn and visibly displayed at all times. You will not be allowed to enter meeting rooms or exhibit areas without them. (Access to the conference is strictly for members and registered conference guests.)
2. For security reasons, we recommend that you DO NOT wear your badge outside of the conference venue. If you lose your badge, please notify registration.
3. Never give your hotel room information to someone you don’t know. Do not open your hotel room door to anyone you don’t know or recognize.
4. Store your electronics, passport, and personal valuable items in your room safe or a hotel lock box when you are not in your room.
5. If you are exploring, let someone know where you are going, who you will be with, and what time you expect to return. Avoid walking alone to and from the conference venue, especially at night.
6. Please do not leave any bags or articles unsecured in any display area, meeting room, or hotel public areas. Unattended items may be removed and secured by our security team.
7. Smoking and vaping are not permitted in the hotel rooms, conference facility areas or meeting rooms. Smoking and vaping are only allowed in designated areas outside of the hotel.
8. Access to the conference is strictly for members and registered conference guests.
9. Photography is not permitted at the conference.
10. Attendees at this conference are expected to maintain a level of decorum appropriate to the nature and purpose of our meeting. While exchange and debate are welcome where appropriate, any person who is disruptive or abusive in language or manner will be removed and barred from further conference proceedings.

Nothing is worse than getting sick while traveling! Here are some tips to help reduce the chances of catching anything while attending the meeting, and to help stop the spread of illness.

1. Wash your hands often with soap and water! This is one of the most effective ways to stop the spread of germs. You should vigorously wash with soap and hot water for at least 20 seconds.
2. If water and soap are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
3. Wave, don’t shake! It is perfectly OK to forgo handshaking and hugs in favor of a wave or even a “fist-bump”.
4. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. This is especially important if you have come into contact with someone who might be ill or is displaying cold or flu symptoms.
5. Do not cough or sneeze into your bare hands. Use a tissue then dispose of it! If you don’t have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow. Always wash or sanitize your hands after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose!
6. It is OK to use disinfecting wipes to clean the surfaces in your hotel room. Portable packs are available at local pharmacies and stores in the area of the hotel.
7. If you are traveling from outside of the United States, please consider purchasing a travelers’ medical insurance policy.
8. Please note that our meeting will follow the applicable health and safety guidelines and mandates from the CDC, and as imposed by the state of Texas, the City of San Antonio, and the county of Bexar. Visit the SRNT website for more information.
9. To minimize the chance of catching or spreading illness, SRNT has implemented a “Be Well” Policy for this meeting. This policy can be found on the reverse page of this document. Please follow the guidelines of this policy.

For additional tips on staying healthy while traveling, visit the CDC website: https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/survival-guide

If you have a security concern, please notify SRNT staff or security personnel immediately. All attendees and guests are expected to follow the SRNT Code of Conduct during the meeting or any conference-related activities. The SRNT Code of Conduct can be found online at https://www.srnt.org/page/2023_code_of_conduct.
SRNT “Be Well” Policy  
(Policy located at https://www.srnt.org/page/2023_Public_Health)


Attendees are also strongly encouraged to wear masks when in meeting spaces and while traveling to the meeting; we’re all in this together. Masks are an easy way to help prevent the spread of any airborne illness—be it Covid, the flu, or the common cold. SRNT is fortunate to have attendees from countries around the world, and we need to do everything we can to keep them—and all attendees—healthy! Missing a flight to Australia or South Africa due to illness is very different from missing a flight to Baltimore or San Francisco.

If you do not feel well during the conference, SRNT asks that you stay in your hotel room. Please email info@srnt.org between 7:00 AM and 8:30 PM with your name and room number to have a COVID-19 test delivered to your door.

If you are unable to travel based on CDC guidelines, please contact info@srnt.org to let us know you won’t be attending in person. Your registration allows you to access the conference content online, so you do not need to cancel your registration.

SRNT is carefully monitoring the status of the pandemic and will adjust this policy as dictated by federal, state, and local mandates as the meeting date approaches.

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