

Know Before You Go
Health & Safety Instructions
National WIC Association
2022 Annual Education and Training Conference & Exhibits
Sheraton New Orleans Hotel

As part of our commitment to meet safely at 2022 NWA Annual Conference, all participants must provide their Vaccination Card within 72 hours of arrival or proof of vaccination in order to receive a badge to enter the event. If you have not already done so, please upload your documentation prior to arriving in New Orleans to avoid any delays in receiving your name badge for the event. Attendees who do not provide a proof of vaccination will not be admitted to the event.

SUBMITTING YOUR DOCUMENTATION

Submitting your Vaccination Card is quick and easy. NWA has partnered with 42Chat to manage this process. By now you should have received a text message to the mobile device number we have in your conference registration with a link to submit your document. If you haven't – no problem! All you need to do is the following:

- Text the word "HI" to (855) 649-0283
- You will receive a text response with a link to upload your document
- Upload your document
- Within 24 hours you will receive notification if your document has been accepted

We will be able to verify documents onsite in New Orleans but note that this may delay your entry into the event.

COLLECTING YOUR BADGE

The Registration/Badge Pick-up area will be in the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, on the 3rd floor in the Napoleon Foyer. Collecting your badge will be a two-step process.

STEP 1: You will need to show verification that your submitted documents have been validated. Simply show the validation text you received to the team at the Health and Safety Checkpoint. If you can't find the text, no worries! Simply text the word "STATUS" to (866) 413-3698 and your validation will be sent to you.

STEP 2: Once you have shown your validation at the HealthShield/42Chat table, you can proceed to the Registration/Badge Pick-Up counter and collect your badge.

Once you have collected your badge, you will no longer have to show your document validation during the conference.

MEETING SPACE ACCESS

Every morning of the conference, you will receive a text from 42Chat (855) 649-0283. You must accept the terms and conditions, which includes the NWA Health Wavier. Click [Here](#) to see the waiver. You must complete the questions. Once you have received your status, we ask that all attendees stop by the HealthShield 42Chat Table in the Napoleon Foyer to receive the daily wrist band. All attendees must be wearing their badge and daily wrist band in order to access the meeting space.

MASKS and other PPE MEASURES

For the safety of all attendees, everyone will be required to wear a mask while attending all 2022 NWA Annual Conference functions or while being present in meeting space assigned to 2022 NWA Annual Conference. Masks may be removed briefly while actively eating and/or drinking. 2022 NWA Annual Conference will have a supply of masks available for attendees who may have either forgotten their masks or request a new one. Failure to wear a mask may result in an attendee being turned away from the event as outlined in the event's Code of Conduct outlined at the time of registration. Hand sanitizing stations will be present throughout 2022 NWA Annual Conference's assigned meeting space. We encourage all attendees to remember to practice good hygiene and to wash/sanitize their hands throughout the event.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FEEL SICK

During the course of 2022 NWA Annual Conference, if anyone does not feel well it is imperative that they do **not** participate in any 2022 NWA Annual Conference functions. Attendees should take the following steps:

- Notify 2022 NWA Annual Conference that they are unwell. They may do so by emailing nwasafety@nwica.org or calling (202) 491-1239.
- Advise staff if you have any COVID-19 symptoms
- Staff will have a list of the closest urgent care and hospital facilities should you require testing or treatment. Note that all medical expenses are the responsibility of the attendee.
- If an attendee tests positive for COVID-19 while on-site, 2022 NWA Annual Conference and the New Orleans Sheraton will work to secure accommodations for the attendee to safely isolate until they are able to return home. Any costs associated with this isolation period (accommodations/meals) will be the responsibility of the attendee.

All attendees are requested to monitor their health status for the two weeks following their return from the 2022 NWA Annual Conference. If you test positive for COVID-19 within the 14-day period, we request that you notify the 2022 NWA Annual Conference staff via email at nwasafety@nwica.org.