

CAHF 2021 Annual Convention & Expo - Participant Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability

CAHF takes all our attendees' health and safety seriously. Accordingly, we will require every attendee to provide proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (**i.e., second Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, or the single J&J vaccine by November 1st**). Tracking will be managed through a secure online process handled by Safe Expo.

If a conference registrant does not upload the required proof of vaccination prior to arrival in Palm Springs, they will not be permitted to enter.

Registration also requires acknowledgement of risk associated with gatherings and agreement to the vaccine/testing requirement as well as following onsite safety protocols, which will include adhering to spacing, food & beverage, and mask protocols, in addition to other safeguards.

We are working in close partnership with Safe Expo and the Renaissance Palm Springs Hotel & Palm Springs Convention Center to implement the latest CDC and State of California guidelines for COVID-19 safety. To that end, circumstances may require us to revise our safety protocols as needed.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I acknowledge that attendance at and participation in CAHF 2021 Annual Convention & Expo (the "Conference") involves an inherent risk of exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including, but not limited to, COVID-19. The symptoms associated with COVID-19 are identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at CDC.gov. According to the CDC, COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is spread mainly from person-to-person contact. Those over the age of 65 or with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. By choosing to participate in the Conference in-person, I acknowledge and freely assume all risks related to exposure to illness from infectious disease including COVID-19.

RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE PREVENTATIVE MEASURES AND SELF-MONITOR: As a participant in the Conference, I agree to provide proof of vaccination prior to arriving at the Conference venue, wear face coverings at any required indoor functions while participating in the Conference, and take common preventative actions, including washing hands regularly, as recommended by the CDC at CDC.gov to reduce the risk to myself and others of exposure to COVID-19. I further agree to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. If I experience any such symptoms, I agree to discontinue my participation in the Conference immediately and seek appropriate medical attention.

If I am diagnosed with COVID-19 or reasonably suspect that I may have COVID-19 during the Conference or in the fourteen (14) days immediately following the Conference, I agree to inform CAHF staff (lthomas@cahf.org). I understand that all appropriate information, to include my name, identifying information, and declaration of health status in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic, will be kept confidential to the extent required by any appropriate privacy laws governing the jurisdiction in which

my event takes place, except that any such information may be shared with government health and other authorities as permitted by law to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

LIABILITY WAIVER AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS: I hereby forever release and waive my right to bring suit against CAHF and its officers, directors, members, managers, agents, employees, representatives, contractors and affiliates in connection with exposure, infection, and/or spread of COVID-19 related to my attendance at the Conference. I understand that this waiver means I give up my right to bring any claims including for personal injuries, death, disease or property losses, or any other loss, including but not limited to claims of negligence and give up any claim I may have to seek damages, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen.

All matters arising out of or relating to this Participant Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California without giving effect to any choice or conflict of law provision or rule whether of the State of California or any other jurisdiction. I hereby waive California Civil Code § 1542 that states:

A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release and that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.