

COVID-19 Planning Guidance

2022 National Order of the Arrow Conference



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Overview

The Order of the Arrow is committed to providing a safe environment for gathering and learning at the 2022 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). NOAC will follow guidance, policies and best practices from the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Federal State and Local governments and the University of Tennessee (UT). Contingents, staff members and individual delegates are welcome to use the below planning guidance to understand the conference's approach. Given the dynamic nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, guidance may be revised at anytime with limited advance notice.

Vaccination & Testing

It is recommended that all delegates and staff attending the conference be vaccinated against COVID-19. If a booster dose has been recommended by the CDC, delegates and staff are encouraged to receive a booster in advance of NOAC, as well. While a vaccine mandate is not anticipated from the Order of the Arrow or BSA, there are multiple entities which may have a role in requiring vaccines, such as the host institution, travel providers, and federal state or local governments.

All participants who have not been vaccinated against COVID-19 will be required to provide results of a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within 72 hours of check-in at the conference.

Failure to provide proof of vaccination or a negative test at check-in will result in the attendee, and those who traveled with them, being refused admittance to the conference until a negative test result is presented. Contingent Leaders are strongly encouraged to gather this information from all delegates prior to departure to expedite the arrival process.

All attendees, regardless of vaccination status may be asked to complete a pre-screening health tracking process. More details on this process and submitting any advance materials will be distributed in June 2022, in line with current COVID-19 policies and best practices.

Face Coverings

NOAC anticipates announcing a conference face covering policy in July 2022 based on the status of the pandemic, and the requirements of the UT, local, state and federal governments. NOAC may apply requirements beyond the UT policy, including requiring face coverings.

Each contingent, staff member or individual delegate is responsible to ensure that they are following their own state and local restrictions and instructions. Please work with your local health department if you are unsure of your local travel restrictions or testing requirements.

COVID-19 Cancellation Policy

If a participant should unfortunately be diagnosed with COVID-19 just prior to the conference, a full refund will be provided. Cancellations will be required to provide a copy of their positive test result to NOAC. Contingent delegate refunds will be processed back to the local council. Staff members or individual delegates will receive a direct refund. Please allow up to four weeks from the conclusion of the conference for refunds to be sent.