

# CEAM Statement on Safety Protocols for the 2021 Fall Conference

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The health and safety of our community, staff, and event attendees is CEAM's highest priority. As we continue to monitor guidance related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other organizations, we are committed to taking appropriate precautions to provide a safe environment that does not place our staff or event attendees at undue risk. At this time, the CDC has not indicated in any way that organizations in the United States should consider postponing or canceling events.

As a precautionary measure, CEAM is actively working with the conference venue (the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel) to increase sanitization practices and healthy habits for all events. For more information on best practices for prevention, please visit the [CDC coronavirus \(COVID-19\) web page](#).

At this time, CEAM announces the following safety measures in effect for our 2021 Fall Conference – these measures may be updated based on changing conditions, and CEAM will notify all participants accordingly:

- CEAM strongly recommends that attendees wear masks indoors – regardless of vaccination status – in accordance with current CDC guidelines. At this time, local guidelines do not require the wearing of masks indoors, but CEAM joins all public health entities in recognizing that mask-wearing is effective in reducing exposure and risk.
- There are no limitations on the number of conference attendees or booth staff, but ONLY registered participants (attendees, exhibitors, speakers/moderators) will be allowed past the registration kiosks in the Convention Center.
- Daily health screenings will NOT be required, however we ask all participants to self-monitor for the symptoms of COVID-19 [listed on the CDC website](#), including a fever of 100.4 or higher, flu-like symptoms, new loss of taste and/or smell, and we ask that participants exercise extreme caution by not participating in the conference or interacting with conference guests if experiencing any potential symptoms.
- Social distancing in all areas of the venue is encouraged and recommended – room and space layouts will be optimized to facilitate distancing.
- Diligent hand hygiene is strongly recommended – hand sanitizer stations will be placed throughout the venue and CEAM suggests foregoing handshakes.
- Visible safety signage and social distancing reminders will be posted throughout the building.
- No children are allowed in the Convention Center at any time.
- Refunds of conference registration fees will be granted in full if an attendee chooses to cancel their registration due to possible exposure prior to the event, potential symptoms prior to or at the event, or general discomfort with attending the conference due to changing COVID conditions.

- CEAM reminds participants that hotels and other providers of accommodations or food/beverage in Ocean City are NOT part of CEAM's 2021 Fall Conference registration – we urge you to check with your hotel or accommodation provider for their safety measures and cancellation policies, as these are not under CEAM's control; we also urge participants to exercise caution in attending offsite events, recognizing that there is increased exposure to the public at these venues.

Given the evolving nature of COVID-19, CEAM will continue to closely monitor developments. In addition to safeguarding the health and safety of our event attendees and employees, we remain committed to providing clear and timely communications leading up to and at our events. Should we receive information from the CDC that would prompt us to make adjustments to our event schedule, we will immediately notify all impacted parties via email and post regular updates on our website.