



Minnesota Council of Nonprofits COVID-19 Protocols for Opening to the Public

Indoor MCN-organized In-Person Events

Minnesota's public health reality is constantly changing, as are the data and recommendations provided to us by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) regarding daily life with the COVID-19 virus. This means the protocols for in-person events hosted by the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits will also evolve. We will update our members and the public with changes to our protocols as they occur. For example, if masks are no longer required because of waning new infection rates. We are using the guidelines set out by the CDC and MDH and following the lead of the state's cultural and higher education entities and performance venues for their expertise in creating the safest spaces possible for engaging with live events and learning during both lower and higher COVID-19 infection and hospitalization rates.

MCN will require masks when not consuming food or beverage and proof of a full course of COVID-19 vaccination, or proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken in the prior 72 hours.

Attendees must have a completed COVID-19 vaccination card, with their final dose at least fourteen days prior to the event, or a negative COVID-19 test result from a test taken 72 hours or less prior to the event. Boosters are highly recommended but not required.

Proof of vaccination may include a physical card or a photo of a complete vaccination card that matches the attendee ID, or digital immunization records such as [Docket](#) or [Clear](#).

A variety of tests will be accepted, including PCR or antigen. Test results must have the attendee's name clearly stated as the recipient and that must match their government issued ID. Screenshots and printouts will be accepted. MCN will have a limited number of rapid tests available for people to test onsite at its events; however, we ask that you use this option as a last resort.

These protocols will be followed for events held in MCN's on-site classrooms and events held at off-site locations, i.e., convention center, hotel, university. Hybrid events would carry the same requirements as in-person events because they carry an in-person component.

Outdoor MCN-organized In-Person Events

Protocols remain the same for outdoor events as indoor events; however, masks are not required though encouraged when physical distancing is not possible, and food and drink are not being actively consumed.

In-Person Meetings & Impromptu Visitors at MCN's Office

For MCN members, vendors, or other members of the public attending a meeting with an MCN staff member(s), or “stopping by” to ask a question, drop off a delivery, etc., we will require masking and will have masks to offer to people who need one. If a person is unable to mask/refuses to mask, they will be asked to not enter the office and we will do our best to accommodate their need by phone, or by a masked MCN staff member coming out to talk with the person briefly to set-up a virtual meeting time.

Off-Site Meetings & Events not Organized by MCN – Protocol for MCN Staff

Individual MCN staff members may determine their own risk tolerance and protocols for meeting with colleagues, members, etc. off-site. For example, if a staff member wishes to meet an MCN member for coffee at a restaurant and both the staff member and MCN member determine they are comfortable not masking while meeting it is their right to do so as long as they are in compliance with local regulations. For staff whose roles require them to attend in-person meetings, for example, MCN's policy team traveling to the capitol for legislative hearings and meetings, we ask that they follow the protocols set forth by the site they are visiting and engage in other safety measures they find personally meaningful, i.e., masking when masking is not required.