

## **ACHE of MA Event Health & Safety: 2022 Spring Healthcare Summit**

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The ACHE of MA Chapter Board looks forward to welcoming you in person to the 2022 Spring Healthcare Summit ***Beyond Disruption: Healthcare for the Future, Redesigned and Reimagined***. We know you prioritize the health and safety of your patients and communities every day, and we prioritize yours. That's why we are taking important steps to attempt to make our 2022 Spring Healthcare Summit as safe as possible and maintain our opportunity to gather for a valuable learning and networking experience.

As an organization composed of, and represented by, leaders in the healthcare industry, ACHE of MA is committed to our duty to care and responsibility as an event host. We are prepared to conduct our in-person events with the health, safety, and well-being of all attendees in mind. All participants, including attendees, speakers, sponsors, volunteers, ACHE of MA staff, service providers and others are expected to abide by these health and safety guidelines for our 2022 Spring Healthcare Summit.

**Vaccine Requirement.** We are requiring all conference participants, whether a presenter, attendee, exhibitor, staff, guest, or vendor, to be "Fully Vaccinated" according to the [most recent CDC guidelines](#), and [CMS requirements](#) for Medicare or Medicaid providers or suppliers. (Please [contact us](#) if you have a legitimate medical exemption for our testing protocol). As of May 6, 2022, the CDC has updated their [website](#) to indicate the status of "Fully Vaccinated" and "Up To Date".

- "Full vaccination" means that either 14 days have passed since receiving the second dose of FDA or WHO authorized (or emergency use authorized) double-dosed vaccines or single-dose vaccine. Proof of vaccination will be required to attend the ACHE of MA Spring Conference.
- "Up to Date" means a person has received all recommended COVID-19 vaccines, including any booster dose(s) when eligible. At this time, we are not requiring boosters of attendees, but ACHE of MA strongly encourages all attendees who are eligible to receive the COVID-19 booster in addition to being fully vaccinated, 14 days prior to the Spring Conference, or by May 26.

**Mask Requirement.** As of this writing, the [CDC has designated seven Massachusetts counties](#), including Middlesex and Suffolk counties, as having high community levels of COVID-19, and recommends that people in these areas should wear masks in indoor public spaces. Therefore, ACHE of MA will be requiring masking at our 2022 Spring Healthcare Summit. ACHE of MA will have only a limited supply of masks for all attendees, so we recommend bringing your own mask with you.

**Testing On-Site.** We are also asking everyone to be tested onsite at the start of the event. We have partnered with [CIC Health](#) to facilitate onsite testing, the morning of the conference, utilizing the iHealth COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test to provide fast, accurate results in 15 minutes. **Please plan your arrival accordingly to allow time for our testing process.**

**Other Health & Safety Precautions.** We will be working with the Encore Boston Harbor event staff to organize the set-up of our conference sessions in a way that allows for social distancing during the conference. Networking breaks will still occur and we will continue to follow the event masking requirement during networking sessions. Masks can be lowered/removed when you are actively eating or drinking. Cleaning and sanitizing will be prioritized across all surfaces throughout the event. Hand sanitizing stations will be available at registration and throughout the event.