

# CEC 2022 Convention & Expo COVID-19 Information

We are thrilled to welcome you—the attendees of the 2022 CEC Convention—to Orlando, FL this year! While we are all grateful and excited to be able to learn with friends and colleagues in person again this year, the safety and wellbeing of our attendees is our first priority. CEC is taking extra precautions, beyond those mandated by government and local authorities to keep everyone safe and healthy during our time together in Florida.

With that in mind, this document was created to provide convention attendees, exhibitors, vendors and staff with the information, protocols and resources related to COVID-19 expectations and procedures in the Marriott World Center and in the CEC meeting spaces this year.

#### What to know before you arrive

- All attendees, presenters, vendors, exhibitors, volunteers, and staff are <u>required</u> to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Accommodations were granted only in cases where an individual was unable to be vaccinated due to a documented medical disability and must have been requested in advance. If you have registered for the in-person convention and still need to go through the required verification process, please see information below\* on how to get quickly and easily <u>verified</u> before you come to the convention.
- Monitor your health before you travel and before you arrive at the convention. If you feel sick,
  please stay home. You can refer to the <a href="cdc.gov">cdc.gov</a> website for questions on COVID-related
  symptoms and recommendations.
- Please pack your favorite face masks. Face masks are required on most domestic flights and will be required in all CEC meeting spaces—particularly in areas of high traffic (Expo Hall, General sessions, etc.). Thanks to our sponsor, <u>ClearMask</u>, masks will be available for attendees who need them in the CEC Conference registration area.
- CEC and the Marriott World Center have emergency action and communication plans in place, including protocols should a hotel guest or convention attendee become ill.

#### What to know when you arrive

• Please plan to visit the CEC registration area (outside of the Cypress Ballroom) when you arrive to check-in and pick up your convention badge. The registration desk will be open on

- Saturday from 2pm-7pm. To avoid long wait times and large gatherings, *please do not wait to pick up your badge until Sunday* before your workshop or the Opening General Session.
- Face masks are recommended by the Marriott World Center while on the property, but not required. CEC is requiring face masks to be worn in all meeting spaces and in public spaces when physical distancing is not possible.
- For information on the precautions being taken by the Marriott World Center to promote the health and safety of guests (increased sanitation, available food and beverage options, housekeeping protocols, etc.) please see their website <a href="here">here</a>.

# What to know when in the CEC meeting spaces

- **Face masks are** *required* when in the CEC session rooms and whenever you cannot responsibly physically distance from other attendees (or are actively eating and drinking).
- **Physical distancing is** *strongly* **encouraged** in all CEC meeting spaces. Floor decals and signage are provided to encourage CDC recommended distance from others in high-traffic areas.
- Wash your hands. For times during the convention when soap and water aren't immediately
  available, additional hand sanitization stations have been provided throughout the meeting
  spaces in the Marriott World Center for your convenience.
- Where possible, seating in the meeting spaces have been set with flexible distancing options for attendees to maintain their personal physical distance comfort levels.
- To help maintain the personal comfort of all attendees and to facilitate better networking we
  will utilize a green, yellow, and red color system. This system will help you understand how to
  best approach and interact with others based on the color sticker they have chosen to display
  on their badge:

Green= Elbow bumps are welcome.

Yellow= I'm being a bit cautious so thanks for respecting my space.

Red= My bubble is still 6 feet.

There may be circumstances during the event where it might be a challenge to practice these interactions. We kindly ask you to actively look for these color indicators and be conscious of how to approach others.

#### What to know if you feel unwell during the convention

- First and foremost, stay in your hotel room to mitigate potential exposure to fellow hotel guests and convention attendees.
- Contact the front desk at the Marriott World Center from your hotel room and let them know that you are feeling unwell, and that you are a guest and/or an attendee of the CEC Convention.
- Contact the CEC staff liaison, Megan Shea at <a href="mshea@exceptionalchildren.org">mshea@exceptionalchildren.org</a> or (407) 720-4266 to let her know you are feeling unwell. This will help the CEC staff trace possible exposures and communicate effectively with the hotel staff to help you seek medical attention and/or arrange for you to comfortably isolate in your hotel room, as necessary.

### Where to find local (to the Marriott World Center) resources

#### Nearby 24-hour pharmacies:

**CVS** 

(407) 352.1177

7599 West Sand Lake Rd., Orlando, FL

Walgreens

(407) 370.6742

7650 West Sand Lake Rd., Orlando, FL

#### Closest "non-emergency" care facility

Centra Care

(407) 934.2273

12500 S. Apopka-Vineland Rd., Orlando, FL

#### PCR Testing for International Travel

#### Azova Health

The Marriott World Center has referred CEC to a PCR testing service provider (Azova Health) that can provide PCR testing kits (shipped to your hotel under your name, in advance of your arrival), video monitoring of the test and provide your FDA authorized results for International travelers (and the state of Hawaii). Tests can be pre-ordered, done and monitored in the privacy of your hotel room, and shipped to the lab for processing without leaving your hotel.

You can select and pre-order the PCR test that best meets your needs and travel itinerary here: <a href="https://www.azova.com/covidtests/index.html">https://www.azova.com/covidtests/index.html</a>

#### Fast Test Now

Appointments for PCR testing at the Orlando location can be made here:

https://fasttestnow.as.me/orlando?\_gl=1\*h8ydaa\*\_gcl\_aw\*R0NMLjE2Mzg5ODY2NTluQ2owS0NRaUF6T\_UdOQmhDeUFSSXNBTnBVa3pNcm9ucWN1UllXZXh3dWl3T3lHZUU5RHozWFBQV2NRbWQzYko3SjVsd1hFbmxuclQxZ3pZZ2FBclZ2RUFMd193Y0I.

#### Millenia Labs

Appointments for same-day and other types of PCR/COVID testing can be made at the Orlando location here:

https://www.millenialabs.us/?utm\_source=google&utm\_medium=cpc&utm\_campaign=Search\_Name&utm\_term=pcr%20testing&utm\_content=535842593745&gclid=EAlalQobChMllsCFn\_Hj9AlVZQelCR02CwcQEAAYAiAAEglJjvD\_BwE

## \*Crowd Pass Vaccine Verification

If you are attending the in-person convention in Orlando, FL. and still need to complete the required vaccine verification process, please visit the <u>Crowd Pass website</u> as soon as possible (and definitely before you leave for the convention). The whole verification process takes less than 5 minutes!

Full URL: <a href="https://app.crowdpass.co/test/auth/signin?callbackUrl=app.crowdpass.co/auth/1858">https://app.crowdpass.co/test/auth/signin?callbackUrl=app.crowdpass.co/auth/1858</a>