

GSAE Annual Meeting, August 26-28 Safety Precautions

The safety of our meeting attendees is paramount. We are taking the following precautions, adhering to current state of Georgia requirements ([07.31.20.02](#)) in place through 09/10/20 and [CDC recommendations and checklists](#).

Acknowledgement of Enhanced Safety and Health Measures:

Registration and attendance at, or participation in, GSAE's in person events constitutes an agreement by the registrant to abide by GSAE's and the host property's efforts to comply with current CDC recommendations (and any state of Georgia requirements) and to engage in certain health-and-safety-beneficial conduct while attending the event as requested by GSAE (including wearing a mask, engaging in appropriate physical distancing, not attending the event if feeling sick or showing certain symptoms). *Thanks to GSAE speaker and attorney Jeff Tenenbaum, Esq. who shared a [helpful article](#) regarding attendee waivers.*

Guidelines and Precautions

General Attendee

- All attendees are encouraged to bring their own masks and hand sanitizer for their personal preference.
- GSAE will provide attendees with a SWAG bag containing paper masks, hand sanitizer and sponsor materials. No handouts/materials will be present on breakout or meal tables.
- GSAE has a touchless thermometer and oximeter at registration.

General Hotel Cleanliness

- **New (updated July 21)** – Guided by our purpose – to care for people so they can be their best – and following medical expert guidance to help reduce the spread of COVID-19, beginning Monday, July 27, for the foreseeable future, all Hyatt hotels in the U.S. and Canada will require face coverings within indoor public areas, which include hotel lobbies, meetings and events spaces, restaurants and bars, and fitness centers. Some guests may be exempt from this mandate, including but not limited to guests with medical conditions, guests consuming food or beverages in restaurants, and children under the age of 2.

Guests who are not wearing face coverings indoors will be asked to wear one, and at all Hyatt hotels, face masks will be made available to guests who do not have one. Additionally, Hyatt hotels request that all guests practice proper social distancing in indoor and outdoor public areas, and social distancing guidelines are prominently placed throughout all hotels.

Hyatt will continue to require colleagues to wear face masks at all times – and additional personal protective equipment based on job specifications – at all Hyatt hotels globally.

In an effort to enable safe travel, Hyatt supports the American Hotel & Lodging Association's recently expanded [Safe Stay initiative](#) and [traveler checklist](#) that help us come together as an industry to promote clear guidelines, which for the foreseeable future include the wearing of face coverings in indoor public spaces and practicing social distancing.

- Hyatt has released [enhanced cleaning and guidelines](#)
- Hotel staff have wellness and temperature checks upon arrival
- Social distancing and one-way signage are present in meeting spaces
- Touchless, foamy hand sanitizer stations are located around the hotel

- Elevators are restricted to 4 people max per ride. Stairs and escalators are available from general session to breakouts.
- Public bathrooms will be cleaned frequently (more than once an hour)
- Valet parking staff will be gloved, and payment is touch and go. Self-parking is available in a nearby garage on Whitaker Ave (behind Ruth's Chris) if preferred.
- Procedures are in place, including quarantine and hospital access, if there is a confirmed and/or suspected COVID-19 case.

Guest Rooms

- Mobile check-in is available – please download the [Hyatt app](#) to take advantage
- Touch and go requests for in-room dining and any room needs (extra towels, etc.)
- Coffee makers and fridges remain in guest rooms. All paper (menus, magazines, etc.) have been removed.
- Early check-in and late check-out will be *extremely* limited, as housekeeping requires additional time to clean rooms in-between guests.

Meeting Spaces

- Meeting spaces will be set to encourage social distancing, including reduced exhibitors per break.
- Rooms will be sanitized in-between sessions. Please do not leave anything in the meeting rooms when you leave!
- Water stations are not available due to current recommendations. Bottled water will be available during breaks.

Meal Functions

- Meal functions will have food stations and be cafeteria style with hotel staff serving attendees (partitions and sneeze guards will be present)
- Attendees will be pre-assigned a specific food station for the entirety of the meeting to decrease traffic and lines
- Coffee stations will be staffed by hotel
- Breakouts will have staggered dismissals to breaks/meals
- Transportation vehicles to Wednesday's reception at The Metal Building at Trustees' Gardens will run at reduced capacity. Although it will be blazing hot, a walking route will also be available if preferred.

Misc./Other

- Silent auction is digital and mobile bidding only.
- Pay the Pig raffle is through the GSAE event app.

Extra safety measures during reception and dinner at the Metal Building – Venue

- Plexiglas bar fronts
- Moveable, touchless hand sanitizer stations
- Bartenders will be wearing face masks/coverings
- Restroom sanitation every hour for duration of event
- CDC Guidance posted throughout
- Floor markings for bar line
- Ingress/egress floor markings for restrooms