



APPA National Conference Duty of Care Agreement and Waiver

The safety of those attending the American Public Power Association (APPA) 2021 National Conference is our top priority. In response to COVID-19, attendees must agree to the following requirements prior to registering for the 2021 National Conference.

We are strong in our commitment to keeping the public power community informed, engaged, and connected. Therefore, we are relying on everyone to do their part to keep themselves and everyone else safe during the conference. Your conduct impacts others.

Before Leaving Home

- Attendees must follow relevant guidance provided by the World Health Organization (WHO), the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and/or their local health authority.
- Attendees must adhere to government-issued travel guidance and all applicable restrictions issued by the region to which they will be traveling, and the region from which they are traveling.
- Attendees shall evaluate their own health and that of people with whom they are in close contact within 14 days prior to the conference dates and should contact the APPA Meeting Services team if they have any concerns.
- Attendees and their guests will be required to sign a declaration of health one week prior to the conference.
- Attendees must STAY HOME if they feel ill, actively experience COVID-19 symptoms, or have been exposed to someone who has tested positive or presumed to be positive with COVID-19 within 14 days prior to the conference dates. In that case, they should contact APPA's registration team at registration@publicpower.org to cancel their registration and receive a full refund.

On-Site During the Conference

- All attendees and their guest will be required to wear a mask at all times in public spaces.
- All attendees will adhere to appropriate social distancing protocols and respect other's personal space throughout the course of the conference.
- Hand sanitizer and other sanitization and hygiene products will be available for attendee use throughout the conference space. Attendees are expected to use these available resources regularly and to practice everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses.

- All attendees will be required to undergo daily health screenings and temperature checks prior to entering the conference space. These screening will be administered by a third-party medical provider.
- If an attendee begins to actively experience COVID-19 symptoms during the conference they should self-quarantine immediately and notify APPA Meeting Services Team at meetings@publicpower.org.
- All seating arrangements will allow for social distancing. In some cases, attendees may be required to maintain assigned seating during some of the meeting sessions.
- Timed entrances and exits of meeting rooms maybe employed to manage crowd control and to accommodate capacity limits according to local mandates. Attendees maybe be asked to adhere to these procedures when deemed necessary by APPA or hotel staff.

Personal Accountability Commitment

By registering for and attending the 2021 National Conference, you agree to abide by, and engage in, the outlined health-and-safety conduct while attending the event. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Adhering to all Duty of Care Attendee Requirements outlined above.
- Wearing a mask at all times in public areas.
- Engaging in appropriate physical distancing and hygiene practices.
- Submitting to daily health screenings and temperature checks.
- Making appropriate use of safety resources provided onsite.
- Not attending the conference if you are ill, actively experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or have recently been in close contact with someone who has tested positive or been diagnosed with COVID-19 within 14 days of the conference dates.
- Notifying APPA's Meetings Services Team if you test positive for COVID-10 up to 14 days after returning home, in accordance with current contact tracing advice from federal and state health authorities.

If attendees fail to adhere to these standards, the Association may take any action it deems appropriate, including but not limited to, expulsion from the current and future meetings, with no warning or refund.

Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the WHO. COVID-19 is reported to be extremely contagious. The state of medical knowledge is evolving, but the virus is believed to spread from person-to-person contact and/or by contact with contaminated surfaces and objects, and even possibly in the air. People reportedly can be infected and show no symptoms and therefore spread the disease. The exact methods of spread and contraction are unknown, and, while vaccines have been made available, not everyone has access to them at this time.

The American Public Power Association cannot prevent you from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while attending its conferences and/or entering onto premises where APPA events are held. It is not possible to prevent the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to attend a conference organized by APPA and enter onto premises where its conferences are held, you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I have read and understood the above warning concerning COVID-19. I understand my attendance is voluntary and hereby accept the risk of being exposed to, contracting, and/or spreading COVID-19 at the APPA 2021 National Conference.

WAIVER OF LAWSUIT/LIABILITY: I hereby release and waive my right to bring a claim or lawsuit against APPA and its officers, directors, managers, officials, trustees, agents, employees, or other representatives for any liability in connection with exposure, infection, and/or spread of COVID-19 related to my attendance at the APPA 2021 National Conference. I understand that this waiver means I give up my right to bring any claim based in negligence, including for personal injuries, death, disease or property losses, or any other loss, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen.

I have read, understand, and agree to the Personal Accountability Commitment, Attendee Requirements, and Terms and Conditions. I am making a commitment to do my part to ensure a safe conference for all attendees.

Signature _____

Name (printed) _____

Date _____

This document provided for reference only. Participants will be sent a link to sign this agreement and waiver electronically after registering for the conference.

All participants must sign the Duty of Care Agreement and Waiver before they will be permitted to participate in the National Conference.