

## Health & Safety Protocols for In-Person Attendees

The health and safety of our conference participants and staff are our number one priority. We continue to monitor local, state and federal guidelines and are working closely with our hotel partners to responsibly and thoughtfully implement safety protocols to provide you a safe, enjoyable onsite experience.

We respect your privacy and appreciate your cooperation as we work together so we can be together. By entering the conference event space, all in-person participants agree to follow current health and safety guidelines and adhere to applicable requirements including the following:

- **Proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours** of the first date of event participation is required to gain access to the event space and collect conference badge/credentials.
- **Mask Mandates** will follow the specific requirements of the state and city where the event will take place. If masks are not required by the local area, they will still be highly encouraged at all events, unless actively eating or drinking within the event space.
- **Covid-19 Waiver** safety acknowledgement requirement
- **Social distancing** protocols will be adopted within all event spaces and applied to practices around networking events. All efforts will be made to lessen any negative impact these protocols may have on the overall event experience

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### Proof of Vaccination

All vaccinated conference participants will be asked to **show proof of vaccination via CLEAR Digital Vaccination Card** to collect their conference badge/credentials and enter the event space.

For Association of International Certified Professional Accountants' conferences, providing "proof of vaccination" will be defined as showing – through the CLEAR Digital Vaccination Card available through the CLEAR App on a participant's personal device – that the participant has received either: (i) the second dose of a two-dose vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, AstraZeneca-Oxford (e.g., Covishield, Vaxzevria), Sinopharm, or Sinovac) or (ii) a dose of the single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson/Janssen).

The Association is not scanning, collecting, storing or reporting any participant's vaccine data.

## Process

- **Step 1** - Please download the app onto your smartphone or device and follow the prompts to enroll:
  - CLEAR - Fast, Touchless Access from the [Apple App Store](#).
  - CLEAR - Health, travel, sports from [Google Play](#).
- **Step 2** - There are a few options to digitally verify your COVID-19 vaccine. Start by clicking "Add my Vaccination" under the Digital vaccine card tile. Then, please select the option that works best for you:
  - **Option 1** - Upload a photo of your CDC Vaccine Card
    - When prompted to add your vaccination, select '**Add your vaccination card**'
    - Take a photo of your vaccination card and confirm your vaccine information
    - Please note, the photo of your CDC card is just used to generate a digital vaccine card. You will not be able to access it again after it is taken.
    - Once confirmed, proceed to complete your digital vaccine card
  - **Option 2**- Digitally link a vaccine
    - Select your vaccine provider in the menu or by searching 'other providers'.
    - Log-in to your patient portal and follow instructions to securely link your account with CLEAR. The CLEAR app is integrated with select healthcare providers and pharmacies.
    - If you are unable to find your provider in search, CLEAR may not be able to link with them at this time.
    - Check that your COVID-19 vaccine appears in your patient portal, if not we recommend you reach out to your provider directly.
    - Your results will link automatically - do not try to resync your results
    - Note, sync time varies by provider and may take up to 30 minutes
    - Once synced, proceed to complete your digital vaccine card
- **Step 3** - Once completed, you can then view a digital vaccine card via your device.
- **Step 4** - A visual inspection will be conducted upon initial entry to the conference space to confirm vaccination prior to picking up your conference badge/credentials in the registration area.

## **Proof of Negative Covid-19 Test Result**

**Proof of negative result** from either a PCR or antigen COVID-19 viral test, taken within 72 hours of the start of the conference and with results available prior to collection of conference badge/credentials and enter the event space.

The following are acceptable as proof of a negative COVID-19 viral test result:

- A printed document (from the test provider or laboratory) showing test result
- An electronic test result (email, text message, or mobile application record) displayed on attendee's phone or mobile device.

**Please Note: Test results must clearly show the name of the tested attendee, type of test performed, date of the test, and the negative test.**

## **Face Mask Requirements**

All participants are required to follow state and city mask mandates in the location of the event. If required, all participants must wear a face covering that covers both the nose and mouth at all times, unless actively eating or drinking regardless of vaccination or test status. Gaiters, bandanas, and coverings with exhalation vents are not acceptable; a face shield still requires a face covering.



For the safety of everyone, all participants are highly encouraged to wear face masks even if not mandated by state and city requirements.

## **Covid-19 Waiver**

You will be asked to accept the waiver prior to arriving on site.

### COVID 19 ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER AND RELEASE

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, is extremely contagious and has been declared a worldwide pandemic. COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly through person-to-person contact, including through aerosol transmission. People who are infected but do not show symptoms can also spread the virus to others. There is no known cure for COVID-19, although authorized vaccines can help protect you from COVID-19. Evidence has shown that COVID-19 can cause potentially life-threatening illness and death.

Beta Alpha Psi ("BAP") and its professional partners, the Association of International Certified Professional Accountants (the "Association") and the American Institute of Certified Professional Accountants ("AICPA") (collectively, the "Event Partners") cannot prevent you from becoming

exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while attending (which includes being present in any capacity, including without limitation, as a member, vendor, participant, attendee, exhibitor, committee member, or guest) the Beta Alpha Psi event (the "Event"). Therefore, any interaction with others in connection with the Event may expose you and your family to and increase your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19. BAP and the Event Partners have put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 at the Event; however, BAP and the Event Partners cannot guarantee that you will not become infected with COVID-19. As a result, as an in-person attendee at the Event you are required to read, understand, and sign this Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Release as a condition of attendance.

1. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF COVID-19 RISKS:** I am aware of the contagious nature of COVID-19 and the risk that I may be exposed to or contract COVID-19 anywhere that there is person-to-person contact, including while on the premises of and engaging in the Event. I fully appreciate and acknowledge that such exposure or infection may result in serious illness, personal injury, permanent disability and/or death. I understand that, while the Event Partners have implemented preventative measures designed to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the Event Partners cannot guarantee that I will not become infected with COVID-19 and that participation in the Event may increase my risk of COVID-19. I hereby choose to accept the risk of contracting COVID-19 for myself and my guests (if any) in order to attend the Event. The Event is of such value to me that I accept the risk of being exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 in order to attend. I understand that I had a choice between attending the Event in person or not participating at all, and I have elected to attend in person. I hereby freely and knowingly agree to **ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL RISKS** of personal injury, illness, disability and/or death related to COVID-19 arising from my attendance at the Event, whether caused by the ordinary negligence, fault or conduct of the Event Partners or any other person or entity.

2. **COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES:** The Event Partners have taken reasonable steps to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 at the Event by implementing health and safety protocols and working in conjunction with the hosting venue. The Event Partner's protocols are consistent with guidance from the CDC and state and local authorities (the Event Partners reserve the right to amend health and safety protocols in the event CDC guidance changes prior to the Event). These protocols are communicated and enforced during the Event. I hereby agree that I will comply with all the Event Partners' policies and protocols relating to health and safety at the Event regardless of my vaccination status. I acknowledge that my failure to comply with any of the protocols may result in my removal from the Event. If I am removed from the Event due to such noncompliance, I understand that any registration, conference, or other fees that I paid to attend the Event may be forfeited. For more information about the Event Partners' health and safety protocols, I may contact [bap@bap.org](mailto:bap@bap.org) I acknowledge I have received reasonable notice of actions taken by the Event Partners for the purpose of reducing risk of transmission of COVID-19 to those present at the Event.

3. **WAIVER AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS:** I hereby forever release and waive all claims and rights, now known or hereafter known, including without limitation any right of indemnification (including under Event Partners bylaws) against the BAP, the Event Partners, their officers, directors, employees, contractors, agents, affiliates, successors, and assigns (collectively, the "Releasees") on account of injury, illness, disability or death arising from any act or omission alleged to have resulted in my or any other person's contraction of COVID-19 before, during or after the Event. I understand that this waiver means I give up my right to bring any claims including for personal injury, illness, death, disease or property losses, or any other loss, including but not limited to

claims of negligence and give up any claim I may have to seek damages, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen. I specifically give up my right to initiate suit against any Releasee and covenant not to make any such claim, and forever release and discharge the Releasees from liability under such claims.

4. ATTENDEE DUTIES: I agree to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, chills, sore throat, muscle or body aches, new loss of taste or smell, congestion, runny nose, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea) and to contact the Event Partners at [bap@bap.org](mailto:bap@bap.org) if I experience symptoms of COVID-19 within 72 hours before the start of the Event, at any time during the Event, or within 14 days after participating in the Event. I also agree to notify the Event Partners if I learn during the Event that I have been exposed to someone who is contagious with COVID-19 within the prior 14 days. I agree that I will comply with all orders, directives and guidelines related to COVID-19 while participating in the Event, including instructions of the Event Partners, involved venues, state and local requirements, and CDC guidance. If at any time while participating in this event I believe the safety precautions are inadequate or are not being followed, I will immediately contact the Event Partners point of contact. I understand that if I do not contact the Event Partners POC at any time, this will be considered an acknowledgment that I consider all of the safety precautions and compliance with those precautions to be adequate.

5. ENTIRE AGREEMENT: This Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Release constitutes the sole and entire agreement between BAP, the Event Partners and me with respect to the subject matter contained herein and supersedes all prior agreements. All matters arising out of or relating to this agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law provision or rule. If any clause, or portion of a clause, in this Agreement is considered invalid under the rule of law, it shall be regarded as stricken while the remainder of this Agreement shall continue to be in full effect.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE, AND FREELY AND KNOWINGLY ASSUME THE RISK AND WAIVE MY RIGHTS CONCERNING LIABILITY AS DESCRIBED ABOVE: