

## ALTs FAQ's

### Signs/Symptoms and Testing

**1. Does the IAFF require COVID-19 testing to attend an in-person event?**

No. The IAFF strongly recommends all attendees obtain a COVID-19 test and receive their negative results withing 72 hours prior to the event, but this not required.

**2. What type of COVID-19 testing does the IAFF recommend?**

The IAFF recommends you receive a COVID-19 RT-PCR nasal swab test as they are the most accurate. If you received a rapid or antigen test, it is still recommended you also receive a RT-PCR test to confirm results.

**3. What do you mean when you say I will need to “medically self-certify” as part of the registration process?**

When you check in at registration you will be required to complete a brief questionnaire to certify that you are not currently symptomatic, you understand that you are required to wear a mask in common areas, you understand that you must notify IAFF representatives if you become symptomatic, and that you have read and understand the IAFF’s In-Person Event Guidance.

**4. Will tests be available on site for those that have symptoms or exposures and want to be tested or will they have to find a place to be tested?**

Testing will not be available onsite but may be accessed at one of the following locations depending on test availability:

- CVS: With Insurance testing is “free”, but there is a cost without.
  - **Central Florida Parkway Orlando Covid - 19 Testing Site,**  
6790 Central Florida Parkway, Orlando, FL 32821  
~16-minute drive
  - **South Orange Blossom Trail Orlando Covid - 19 Testing Site,**  
12077 South Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando, FL 32837  
~ 25-minute drive
  - **Community Site CVS 6853 - Highway 27,**  
49581 Highway 27, Davenport, FL 33837  
~ 30-minute drive
- Others:
  - **Fast Test Now**  
6504 Carrier Dr, Orlando FL 32819  
~30-minute drive  
**Note:** Does not appear to have a “free” option and the next day test is \$149. They are not open on the weekend.
  - **Alliance Health**  
6645 Vineland Rd, Orlando, FL 32819  
~30-minute drive

**Note:** Does not appear to have a “free” option but their 2-3 day turn around test is \$175.

**5. Some individuals test positive for COVID-19 months after their diagnosis. How is the IAFF handling these?**

For those who have recovered from COVID-19 but continue to test positive we will follow CDC guidance and discontinue their isolation 10 days following the onset of symptoms if their symptoms are resolved. A negative COVID-19 test is not required to attend and is a precautionary step we are taking.

**6. Will testing be required prior to entering break out or plenary sessions?**

Testing will not be required at the event or to enter the event. Testing will only be required if you become symptomatic or are in close contact with someone who tests positive.

**Reporting and Notifications**

**7. What are the protocols for a member attending who tests positive or reports symptoms to our COVID team?**

Please review the guidance that has been distributed. If you exhibit signs and symptoms or test positive, you should immediately self-isolate in your room and contact the COVID-19 Team Lead at 202-360-5308. If you are sharing your room with anyone, please notify them you are symptomatic and ask them to isolate as well.

**8. Will all attendees be notified of positive cases?**

When there is a positive case, the IAFF will use the IAFF mobile app push notifications, SMART text message systems and emails to provide the broadest and fastest dissemination of COVID-19 information to all attendees.

**Event Guidance**

**9. What are the guidelines at the property (hotel) we will be working from?**

The IAFF will follow guidance from Disney Properties:

“Face coverings are required for all Guests (ages 2 and up) in all indoor locations including public spaces and event spaces, regardless of vaccination status. Face coverings are optional for Guests in outdoor areas.”

**10. Will proof of vaccinations be required?**

No, the IAFF will not require proof of vaccines to attend the event, but strongly encourage all attendees to be fully vaccinated (14 days after receiving your second shot in a series or one shot of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine) . For those eligible: Members, staff, guests, IAFF elected officials, and instructors should have received their vaccine booster (6 months after 2nd dose of Pfizer or Moderna or 2 months after 1st dose of J&J).

**11. Will mask be required?**

Yes. Masks will be required in all indoor public and event spaces while in the Swan and Dolphin hotels. Masks may be removed when actively eating and drinking.

**12. What are the guidelines for presenters and instructors?**

Masks may be removed if you are presenting and speaking from a stage, can always maintain at least six feet of distance from your audience, and not roaming through the audience. You must replace your mask when finished speaking. If multiple people are presenting, you must always wear your mask unless presenting or answering a question. There should be no more than one person without their mask on at any given time, and they must be at least 6 feet away from other presenters and audience members. If you are speaking from the stage, you may remove your mask when actively drinking.

Presenters and instructors that are not speaking from a stage must always wear their mask unless actively drinking.

**13. Do we have clear contingency plans for a COVID outbreak at the conference?**

IAFF leadership have developed plans to address and manage individuals that report COVID-19 symptoms. Additionally, the IAFF has assigned several COVID-19 designated officers to answer questions and assist members who have tested positive to navigate isolation.

**14. Will we able to social distance in the main conference space with 1,200 and the breakout meeting rooms?**

Steps are being taken to ensure that staff, attendees, instructors, and guests are afforded as much space as possible, but at times six feet of distance may be difficult to achieve. However, additional steps have been taken to minimize exposures:

- A large general session space has been secured
- No standing will be allowed in session rooms or the general session
- Food offerings at breakfast and lunch will be grab and go and outdoor space will be designated as an option for meal breaks
- Additional hand sanitizing stations will be staged throughout the conference area