

IEEE AEROSPACE CONFERENCE COVID-19 Safety Protocols & Policies

The health and safety of our conference attendees and exhibitors is our priority. We understand the considerable effort invested in planning travel to attend events (for attendees, technical presenters and exhibitors) and the burden placed on those trying to make travel decisions. In addition, we understand that many attendees are required to follow travel policies as established by their organizations.

The 2022 IEEE Aerospace Conference will be implementing a series of precautionary protocols to ensure the well-being of all in attendance. We will be following all local regulations and guidelines as well as adhering to venue-specific standards to host the event safely.

NOTE: As regulations and requirements change, we reserve the right to alter the below as is needed. Please check back regularly for the current measures.

As case counts for COVID have subsided, the resort leadership team is lifting the indoor facial covering policy that was enacted back in December. At this time, there is no requirement to wear a facial covering in indoor facilities; however we will continue to encourage guests and employees who are feeling unwell or unvaccinated continue wearing a facial covering.

Health & Safety

- Masks and/or face coverings are not required, but are encouraged for guests and employees who are feeling unwell or unvaccinated in all indoor areas.
- Currently, there are no social distancing requirements within the State of Montana. The IEEE Aerospace Conference and Big Sky Resort encourage all guests to adhere to social distancing practices during the conference to match your comfort level.
- Big Sky Resort has installed MERV-13 air filters in the Yellowstone Conference Center's HVAC system, which are replaced regularly.

Hygiene and Sanitation

- Hand sanitizing stations will be placed throughout the event's meeting space and common areas.
- Masks will be made available to attendees.
- Enhanced cleaning and disinfection of high frequency contact points will be implemented by the venue and restrooms will be disinfected frequently (meeting space and common areas, including doorways, elevators, escalators, and restrooms).
- Meeting space will be cleaned and disinfected frequently.
- Sanitizing wipes will be provided in every room for speaker use at the podium.
- Audio-visual equipment such as keyboards, laser pointer, and mics will be wiped down with sanitizer wipes between each session and at regular intervals throughout the day.
- Microphones will be sanitized between each speaker.

What You Can Do to Help Onsite

- Follow the [World Health Organization's](#) (WHO) and the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's](#) (CDC) guidelines to prevent the spread of infectious diseases at the event.
- Discourage physical greetings like handshakes, high fives, fist or elbow bumps, and hugs.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

- Maintain social distancing between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth.
- If you have fever, cough, and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early.

Do Not Attend the Conference If You

- Have any Covid symptoms.
- Have tested positive for Covid-19 in the last 14 days.
- Have been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for Covid-19 within 14 days before the event start date.

General Guidelines

As a general rule, please use common sense and be considerate of others when traveling to and attending the event. If you need assistance at any time, please reach out to the conference at info@aeroconf.org.

What options are available for attendees who may not be able to attend the event due to corporate policies or travel restrictions/quarantines?

We suggest you wait to register until you have received travel authorization from your sponsor. Once you register, the conference anticipates your participation and incurs financial liabilities for you. If a change in your sponsoring organization's travel policy necessitates that you must cancel after you have registered and paid, [standard conference cancellation policies will apply](#).

Local Medical Facilities

Below is a list of the closest hospital and urgent care centers to the conference venue.

Hospitals	Bozeman Health Big Sky Medical Center 334 Town Center Ave, Big Sky, MT 59716 Phone: 406-995-6995 Emergency care is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.
Urgent Care Centers	b2 UrgentCare Big Sky 100 Beaverhead Dr, Cameron, MT 59720 Phone: 406-995-6650 Closed for the summer, will reopen in winter but no hours yet. b2 UrgentCare Bozeman 1006 W Main St, Bozeman, MT 59715 Phone: 406-414-4800 Open every day from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Bozeman Health Belgrade Clinic + Urgent Care 206 Alaska Frontage Phone: 406-414-3334 Open every day from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

PCR Testing for International Return Flights

Below is a list of locations that offer PCR COVID-19 testing with turnaround under 72 hours:

Bozeman Health Big Sky Medical Center

334 Town Center Ave, Big Sky, MT 59716

Phone: 406-995-6995

Big Sky Medical Center drive-thru available

For scheduling and more information: <https://www.bozemanhealth.org/about-us/covid-19-information/covid-19-travel-testing/>