

COVID-19 Policies

2022 Sagan Summer Workshop

July 13, 2022

Vaccination

All attendees, speakers, and organizers at the 2022 Sagan Summer Workshop are required to have received a World Health Organization (WHO) recognized COVID-19 vaccine and booster. This has been verified through a third-party service, CrowdPass.

Masking

Current Caltech regulations require that high-quality masks (N95, KN95, or surgical) must be worn indoors on campus. The only exception is for speakers who are speaking from the podium in Baxter Lecture Hall.

The 2022 Sagan Workshop will follow Caltech and the City of Pasadena health guidelines, and if those become more restrictive then we will follow any changes to the policies. L.A. County and the City of Pasadena do not currently have an indoor mask mandate, so there may be people at restaurants, shops, and the hotel who are not wearing masks. All workshop attendees are encouraged to maintain mask-wearing away from the workshop, particularly when in close proximity to others or in enclosed public spaces.

We will be providing masks for in-person attendees if needed.

Testing

We strongly encourage workshop attendees to bring their own COVID rapid tests or purchase tests at [local drugstores](#) to allow for testing at whatever cadence you prefer. Eight (or more) free COVID tests can be ordered from <https://www.covid.gov/tests> if you live in the U.S. Order as soon as possible to make sure your tests arrive before your trip

to Pasadena. Additionally, the following websites have information on testing sites in the Pasadena area:

- [City of Pasadena COVID Testing Information](#)
- [Rose Bowl COVID Clinic](#)
- [Carbon Health Pasadena](#)
- [Advanced Urgent Care of Pasadena](#)
- [Urgent MED Pasadena](#)

If You Feel Unwell

- Please isolate and get COVID tested as soon as possible
- If you test positive, do not come to the in-person workshop
- Attend the workshop virtually: the Zoom webinar registration information will be sent to all attendees before the workshop, and the Zoom link will be sent to each registrant daily in a reminder email.
- If you are a speaker or pop presenter, you can record your talk and we will play it during the workshop
- If you are a poster presenter, please try to attend the virtual poster session instead of the in-person poster session
- We encourage you to notify us via an anonymous Google form if you test positive
- Follow the [CDC Guidelines](#) on isolation timelines

Contact Tracing

All attendees are encouraged to enable (iPhone) or download (Android) the mobile phone contact tracing system [CA Notify](#).

CA Notify uses the Bluetooth connectivity of your phone to keep track of other phones you may be near, while preserving your privacy. With CA Notify enabled, your phone will alert you if you recently had close contact with anyone who later tested positive for COVID. Conversely, if you test positive for COVID, you should notify the app of your positive test. Then anyone you had close contact with will get a message indicating they may have been exposed and encouraging them to get a COVID test.

If you have used exposure notifications before on your phone, it is important to change your active region to California for the duration of the workshop to receive messages consistent with the local region.

More Information

- [City of Pasadena COVID-19 Information](#)
- [Caltech Together Coronavirus Information](#)
- [CDC Travel Safety Guidelines](#)