

COVID-19 Policies

2023 Sagan Summer Workshop

Vaccination

All attendees, speakers, and organizers at the 2023 Sagan Summer Workshop are required to have received a World Health Organization (WHO) recognized COVID-19 vaccine and booster. Vaccine verification will be provided by CrowdPass. If you verified your vaccine status last year, you will need to verify it again through CrowdPass this year.

We encourage all attendees to be fully up to date on vaccinations and boosters, including the recently available bivalent vaccine and the seasonal influenza (flu) shot.

Masking

Current Caltech regulations state that masking is **required** in instructional spaces (including Baxter Lecture Hall). Masking is **voluntary** in all other indoor settings (including the poster sessions in Dabney Hall). However, we encourage all attendees to wear a mask indoors. Speakers may remove their mask when they are speaking from the podium in Baxter Lecture Hall.

We will have a limited supply of masks for in-person attendees if needed.

Testing

We strongly encourage attendees to bring their own COVID rapid tests or purchase tests at [local drugstores](#) to allow for testing at whatever cadence you prefer. The following websites have information on testing sites in the Pasadena area:

- [City of Pasadena COVID Testing Information](#)
- [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 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 attendee 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](#)