

## **CAGP-CCSMH COVID-19 Policy**

The top priority of the CAGP-CCSMH is to create a safe environment for our in-person learning. Please be assured that the CAGP-CCSMH is monitoring the COVID-19 situation closely to ensure that our face-to-face meeting is safe. For that to happen, please follow the CAGP-CCSMH COVID-19 Policy, as well as safety guidelines provided by the local health authorities and the venue. Please read this document thoroughly and note that this policy may be updated as needed.

**In alignment with public health guidelines, the CAGP-CCSMH ASM Committee and the Board of Directors recommend that all attendees wear medical-grade masks throughout the ASM**, unless actively eating or drinking in the designated areas, and practice social distancing where possible. We ask that attendees refrain from eating or drinking in the sessions. Masks and hand sanitizer will be available for all attendees, and we will work with the hotel to optimize the space available to allow distancing both during sessions and meal times.

At this time, the local government does not have COVID-19 restrictions in place but are recommending people wear masks and practice social distancing when indoors.

We are looking forward to reconnecting with colleagues while delivering a safe and positive meeting!

### **Before you arrive**

- Adhere to government-issued travel restrictions and guidance issued by the [Government of Newfoundland and Labrador](#), the [Government of Canada](#), and your region of origin.
- It is strongly recommended that you take a rapid test prior to departure and only travel provided that you have achieved a negative result and do not have any [COVID-19 symptoms](#). We recommend that you use a self-assessment tool like this one: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/> or this one [COVID-19 Risk Assessment Tool - COVID-19 \(gov.nl.ca\)](#) prior to departure.
- Stay home if you feel sick or are exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms.

### ***ASM Cancellations Due to Symptoms of COVID-19***

We understand that last-minute cancellations may occur due to symptoms of COVID-19, a positive diagnosis and/or requirement to quarantine due to close contact. In this circumstance, please contact [registration@secretariatcentral.com](mailto:registration@secretariatcentral.com). Please be aware that airline and hotel cancellation policies and any related charges are not the responsibility of CAGP-CCSMH.

### **During the CAGP-CCSMH meeting**

- We recommend wearing a clean, dry, properly fitting medical-grade mask or respirator that covers your mouth, nose and chin at all times unless at designated spaces for eating and drinking. (See [Government of Canada](#) recommendations).
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water, and/or use an alcohol-based sanitizer.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Delegates who experience symptoms or start to feel ill onsite should quarantine in their guestroom immediately. Contact [registration@secretariatcentral.com](mailto:registration@secretariatcentral.com) to receive instructions on next steps. All health concerns will be handled discretely.

*Delegates assume any risk associated with travel and attending the CAGP-CCSMH Annual Scientific Meeting and by registering, agree that the CAGP-CCSMH cannot be held liable if a delegate, speaker or attendee is exposed to COVID-19.*