

APWU 26th Biennial National Convention COVID Safety Protocols

The health and safety of our delegates, guests, employees and the public are a top priority for us as we gather together for the first time since 2018. APWU's 26th Biennial National Convention will be compliant with the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center's safety protocols, Prince George's County mandates as well as any Maryland state mandates. Any delegate, guest or employee participating in or supporting the APWU Convention must be in compliance with all safety protocols at all times.

A safe convention for all is our utmost priority. Therefore, the following safety protocols will be in place for anyone attending the convention, participating in a convention workshop, conference or event, or visiting the APWU registration or exhibit area.

- **Symptoms, Exposure or Positive COVID Test Results Prior to Convention**
 - Any individual experiencing symptoms, having testing positive for COVID ten (10) days or less prior to their arrival or are awaiting test results after a COVID exposure are prohibited from attending the convention and all convention-related activities.
- **Vaccination**
 - Full vaccination, including eligible boosters, are strongly encouraged.
- **Masks**
 - Masks are required to be appropriately worn, covering the nose and mouth, at all times while attending any APWU function or event.
 - KN95 or equivalent masks are strongly encouraged. Each delegate will be provided disposable M95i (KN95 equivalent) masks in their convention bags.
 - Masks should only be lowered temporarily when eating or drinking, not removed for the duration of the mealtime.
 - Neck gaiters are not an acceptable face covering and will not be permitted.
- **Daily Health Assessments**
 - Delegates, guests and employees are all encouraged to perform a daily health assessment to check themselves for any symptoms of COVID.
 - Symptoms may include, but are not limited to: fever, a new and unusual headache, sore throat, cough, congestion and unusual fatigue.
 - Any symptom or potential exposure will prohibit attendance at the convention or any convention-related activities.
- **COVID-19 Testing**
 - Rapid tests kits (6 total tests) will be provided in all convention bags.
 - All attendees are strongly encouraged to test each morning prior to participating in the convention or a convention-related activity.
- **Exposure Notification**
 - All attendees are required to enable "Exposure Notifications" on their mobile phone under "Settings". Instructions will be provided in your delegate bag.
 - In the event an attendee tests positive for COVID-19 during the convention, the attendee should enter that positive test result into the Exposure Notification feature on their mobile phone.
- **Positive Test Results at Convention**
 - Any individual who tests positive while at the convention must complete a confidential online form which can be found here: <https://forms.gle/wqCNa4Tsy2jTjRjP8>
 - COVID-positive individuals are required to quarantine and may not attend any APWU sponsored activity, including but not limited to workshops, craft conference, conventions or evening events.
- **Other**
 - Hand sanitizing stations and hand sanitizers will be located throughout the general session and in your convention bags.

If you should have any further questions while at the convention, you may contact the Secretary-Treasurer's Department at aagust@apwu.org or hdecker@apwu.org.