



## **AAFCO COVID-19 Policy for In-Person Events Effective Immediately**

AAFCO believes that the health and safety of all attendees and participants at AAFCO meetings, workshops, or other in-person gatherings is of paramount importance and the priority consideration. In keeping with this belief, the AAFCO Board of Directors suggests everyone attending an AAFCO session in person review these COVID-19 guidelines based on CDC recommendations. The AAFCO Board of Directors reserves the right to tighten this policy should CDC or local recommendations change.

### **Section 1: General Requirements for All Participants**

AAFCO encourages all attendees and participants at AAFCO in-person events to follow these CDC recommendations:

- Anyone may wear a mask at any events, indoors or outdoors.
- Anyone not vaccinated is encouraged to always wear a mask indoors and in automobiles with others.
- In areas with [high numbers of COVID-19 cases](#), AAFCO attendees and participants are encouraged to consider wearing a mask in crowded outdoor settings and for activities with [close contact](#) with others who may not be fully vaccinated.
- A mask is required in public modes of conveyance (airplanes, trains, Ubers, taxis, etc.) as mandated by Federal, state, and local governments.
- Further, depending on location, any additional state, local, or location requirements must be met. AAFCO will advise all meeting attendees and participants at in-person sessions of any state, local, or location requirements outside of the language of this policy.
- AAFCO will work to facilitate social distancing in indoor meeting locations.
- If individuals are uncomfortable traveling because of COVID-19, they should discuss with their supervisor whether alternate options may be available. For many sessions, AAFCO offers a virtual access feature that may be used.

### **Section 2: Symptoms During Travel**

During travel, individuals should immediately report to their supervisor or the event leader if they are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms, listed below, that are not associated with ongoing conditions such as allergies, etc.:

- Fever or chills

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

In the event that someone experiences COVID-19 symptoms, a test will be obtained, and the individual may be required by government authorities to avoid travel until such time as they are no longer able to transmit, as determined by a medical professional. Further, the federal government recommends that the individual be excluded from all events and contact with the group until such time as the test results are obtained.

If an individual does test positive, all group members will be notified of a positive test within the group.

### **Section 3: Application of Policy**

Adherence to this full policy is required for all AAFCO staff, contractors, and vendors.

Section 1 is suggested for all attendees and participants.

As regards Section 2, all attendees and participants are encouraged to report if they begin experiencing symptoms while traveling. Anyone experiencing symptoms should follow the policies of their employer.

Any AAFCO members with questions about the policy or needing additional guidance should contact the Executive Director to further discuss their individual situation.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation as the COVID-19 pandemic continues. Thank you!