

To: NAIGC Board
From: COVID-19 Task Force
CC: Events Department Head, Event Sanctioning Team
Date: February 27, 2022
Re: COVID Guidelines Recommendation

Introduction

The purpose of this recommendation is to advise the NAIGC Board on how the organization can host Nationals 2022 while balancing both providing our members with an excellent Nationals experience and keeping both our members and our volunteers as safe as possible in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. This recommendation is based largely on our [current event sanctioning policy](#), with some changes that are due to the CDC's latest [vaccination guidelines](#) and our current understanding that due to the unique nature of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and its emerging variants and our country's stagnant vaccine rate, we are likely to never reach a point of herd immunity that can be used to predict future trends. The Covid-19 task force therefore recommends that the NAIGC host Nationals with the understanding that the policies that will need to be in place for the event will be determined by the Incidence Rate of SARS-CoV-2 at the time of the event. The various potential incidence rates and their accompanying Policies and Mitigation methods are broken down below.

Notes:

[This sheet](#) contains calculations for these various metrics as of 27 February 2022. Data will be taken from the [CDC's Covid Data Tracker site and looking at cases in the last 7 days/100,000](#), or [Community Level Guidelines](#) and those are also the sources we are basing our tier cutoffs on.

Color Tiers: SUMMARY

Policy	Black	Purple	Red	Orange	Yellow	Green
CDC Covid 19 Community Level	N/A (relies on state of milwaukee to cancel)	7 Day Case Rate Greater than or equal to 100 and High	High = 3	Medium = 2	Low = 1	7DCR less than 1 and Low
Event Happening	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Vaccines required	n/a	Yes+ Booster	Yes+ Booster	Yes+ Booster recommended, not required Some Exemptions allowed	No	No
Spectators	n/a	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Banquet	n/a	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Banquet After Party	n/a	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hospitality Room	n/a	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Masks	n/a	Yes, KN95, KFN94, or N95	Yes, KN95, KFN94, N95, or surgical, can be removed by competitors	Yes, KN95, KFN94, N95, or surgical, can be removed by competitors	Yes, KN95, KFN94, N95, or surgical, can be removed by competitors	No

Details of each tier:

Black: Nationals are canceled.

Summary: No Nationals

Metrics for Black Status:

- The Force Majeure clause comes into effect and we are forced to cancel the event either by the state of Wisconsin, the City of Milwaukee or the Wisconsin Center.

Purple

- Criteria
 - Incidence Rate less than the number that would bring up the Force Majeure clause in our contract and initiate the cancellation of the event, but more than 100 regardless of CDC Covid 19 Community Level
- Policies
 - No Exemptions to everyone needs to be vaccinated
 - No Spectators
 - Yes Banquet
 - No non-participants at banquet
 - No Banquet After Party
 - No Hospitality Room
- Mitigation methods
 - Banquet
 - CO2 [monitors](#) placed at regular intervals to monitor ventilation
 - If CO2 reaches over [1000 ppm](#) steps need to be taken to decrease room occupancy and/or increase ventilation in the room
 - All banquet participants must remain at their table and instead of going up to the stage to receive their awards will stand up at their table and wave to the crowd and receive their award on the way out.
 - No Non-Participants allowed at the banquet
 - Masks
 - Must be worn at all times **including while competing**
 - No eating inside competition hall
 - Drinking okay
 - Needs to be KN95, KF94, or N95
 - Vaccines
 - All participants must be [up to date](#) on their vaccine schedule (ie boosted if their last dose was more than 6 months ago)
 - No exemptions medical or otherwise
 - Ventilation
 - CO2 monitors placed throughout the competition hall
 - If CO2 Levels get too high, take steps to increase ventilation (open doors, ask people to wait outside, increase distance etc.)
 - Cleaning
 - Athletes sanitize hands after events (each rotation)

- Get jugs of sanitizer at each station
 - Equipment cleaned after each session
- Testing/ Symptoms at event
 - An online form linked to a qr code will be made and posted at the entrance to the event and everyone who enters the event will be asked to attest to not currently experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms before they can enter the competition site.
 - If participants show cold-like symptoms during the event, they will be asked by a staff member to leave and quarantine at a separate space for the duration of Nationals.

Red)

- Criteria
 - CDC Covid 19 Community Level “High”
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- Policies
 - No Exemptions to everyone needs to be vaccinated
 - Yes Spectators
 - Yes Banquet
 - Yes non-participants at banquet
 - No Banquet After Party
 - No Hospitality Room
- Mitigation methods
 - Banquet
 - Same as Purple but non-participants (ex. family) allowed.
 - Masks
 - Same as Purple but surgical masks are also allowed, and competitors may **temporarily remove their masks while actively competing or warming up** if they will not be closer than 6 feet from another person.
 - Vaccines
 - Same as Purple
 - Ventilation
 - Same as Purple
 - Cleaning
 - Same as Purple
 - Testing/ Symptoms at event
 - Same as Purple A
 - Spectators
 - Spectators and non-participant banquet attendees must demonstrate proof of vaccination (qr code/app/ card/ any form of proof is acceptable) upon entrance to the event.

Orange)

- Criteria

- CDC Covid 19 Community Level “Medium”
- Policies
 - Yes some medical exemptions to vaccination requirements
 - Yes Spectators
 - Yes Banquet
 - Yes non-participants at banquet
 - Yes Banquet After Party
 - Yes Hospitality Room
- Mitigation Methods
 - Banquet
 - Normal run banquet but with masks when participants are not eating or drinking.
 - Masks
 - Same as Purple A but surgical masks are also allowed, and competitors may **temporarily remove their masks while actively competing or warming up** if they will not be closer than 6 feet from another person.
 - Vaccines
 - Participants must be fully vaccinated but boosters are recommended and not required
 - Participants may request individual exemptions from the vaccine requirement, but if they do so they will be required to provide proof that they were granted an exemption by their university or workplace, and proof of a negative test taken within 24 hours of the start of the event if it is an antigen test, or 48 hours from the start of the event if it is a PCR test.
 - Cleaning
 - Same as Purple
 - Testing/ Symptoms at event
 - Same as Purple
 - Spectators
 - Same as Red

Yellow)

- Criteria
 - CDC Covid 19 Community Level “Low”
- Policies
 - No Vaccine Requirement
 - Yes Spectators
 - Yes Banquet
 - Yes non-participants at banquet
 - Yes Banquet After Party
 - Yes Hospitality Room
- Mitigation Methods
 - Banquet
 - Normal run banquet but with masks when participants not eating or drinking
 - Masks

- Same as Purple but surgical masks are also allowed, and competitors may **temporarily remove their masks while actively competing or warming up** if they will not be closer than 6 feet from another person.
- Ventilation
 - Same as Purple A
- Cleaning
 - Same as Purple A
- Testing/ Symptoms at event
 - Same as Purple A
- Spectators
 - Same as Red

Green)

- Criteria
 - Covid-19 Community Level Low AND Incidence Rate <1
- Policies
 - Things operate as if it is 2019
- Mitigation methods
 - Clean equipment
 - No deductions for wearing a mask
 - Encourage hand sanitizer usage