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Fact Forward's Summer Institute Safety Policies and Commitment

We continue our commitment to make Summer Institute as enjoyable and safe as possible. Due to rising COVID-19 positivity rates, we are modifying our protocol to request all attendees have a negative COVID test result 24 hours prior to attending, regardless of vaccination status. We will also be conducting daily health checks via the ID.me app. Please use this link to upload your negative test result to ID.me: <https://hosted-pages.id.me/health/summer-institute>.

All in-person conference participants, speakers, exhibitors and Fact Forward staff will be required to present proof of a negative COVID-19 test (within 48 hours) before attending conference events in person.

As we continue to plan for the conference in Charleston, SC, Fact Forward is monitoring COVID-19 guidance from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC), and other relevant public health authorities, and will implement the specific COVID-19 health and safety protocols required by applicable law and appropriate to the public health circumstances existing at the time of the conference. We are committed to keeping our community appropriately informed on the precautions we are setting for the conference as it relates to COVID-19 and will remain diligent in taking appropriate steps designed to promote the health and safety of our conference participants, speakers, exhibitors and Fact Forward staff.

Fact Forward will institute the following health and safety protocols to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission and illness at our in-person conference:

- All attendees have a negative COVID test result 24 hours prior to attending, regardless of vaccination status. Use this link to upload your negative test result to ID.me: <https://hosted-pages.id.me/health/summer-institute>.
- Room layouts for conference sessions will be modified to allow for physical distancing and limited seating per table.
- We will work with our host hotel, the Charleston Marriott, to ensure all conference rooms are cleaned and sanitized before and after breakout and general sessions.
- Following CDC recommendations for large indoor gatherings, we will require all conference participants, speakers, exhibitors and Fact Forward staff to always wear a mask during the conference (unless they have received an approved accommodation) except for when actively eating or drinking.
- Attendees are encouraged to bring their own masks. Fact Forward will provide masks for all conference attendees who need them.

You must follow all state and local requirements related to traveling during the pandemic.



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By registering for the conference, all participants are agreeing to comply with Fact Forward's COVID-19 related policies. Anyone who refuses to follow the COVID-19 related policies will be required to leave the conference without a refund and may be denied admission to future conferences.

When registering for the Event, attendees and participants must agree that they will knowingly and voluntarily:

Accept and agree to comply with Fact Forward's COVID 19 Health and Safety Protocols and any applicable CDC, South Carolina COVID-19 mandates and guidance that are more stringent than Fact Forward's protocols and in effect at the time of the Event.

Acknowledge and assume any risks and dangers associated with possible exposure to, or illness from COVID-19 and its variants while attending or participating in the Event.

To the fullest extent permissible by law or in equity, waive and discharge any and all liability, claims, and demands of whatever kind or nature against Fact Forward and its affiliated partners, exhibitors and sponsors, including without limitation, their directors, officers, employees, volunteers, and agents, including but not limited to illness, bodily injury, or other economic loss, which arise or may hereafter arise from my attendance or participation with the Event.

Please contact Fact Forward immediately if you experience any signs and symptoms of COVID-19 during or within 14 days after of the Event.

While Fact Forward will strive to safeguard the health and safety of all those involved in the Event and will make every reasonable effort to mitigate possible exposure to COVID-19 and its variants during Event activities, Fact Forward cannot guarantee that attendees and participants in the event will not be exposed to, or become sick from exposure to, COVID-19 or its variants.

Exemptions: Fact Forward will waive its vaccination requirements, including recommended boosters, for religious or medical reasons. An individual requesting a waiver during the registration process will receive follow-up information and an online form to be completed. Individuals granted an exemption must provide proof of negative antigen COVID-19 test results taken within 24 hours of check-in at the Event registration desk.