

2023 Consortium Conference COVID-19 Protocols

***Tl;dr:** We are asking all on-site participants to test each morning (and we will provide tests). Masks are optional. Please notify a conference organizer in case of symptoms or a positive test.*

Preamble: Mutual respect

The 2023 Consortium conference will be taking place during the global COVID-19 pandemic, and our community will have natural variation in individual concern regarding COVID-19. It is crucial that we respect one another's boundaries and support one another's well-being. When a fellow participant elects to make use of additional precautions for individuals (such as preferring outdoor meals, or masking during social activities), we assume that they are making the appropriate choice for themselves, and respond with kindness.

Protocols for Participants

In advance of the conference, we ask participants to take the following precautions:

- Limit high-risk activities in the week leading up to the event (no Taylor Swift concerts unmasked...) to minimize exposure
- Take a rapid test at home on the morning of traveling to the conference
- Wear a respirator-type mask (e.g. N95, KN95, FFP2, KF94) while in transit to the conference if traveling by commercial transit (planes, trains, buses)
- Switch to remote-only participation if exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms or testing positive.

During the conference, we ask each participant to:

- Take a rapid test each morning before joining group activities. (You are welcome to bring your own; we will also provide them for each participant.)
- Notify a member of the organizing committee in case of symptoms or a positive test
- Respect the concerns of fellow attendees regarding COVID-19

Masks in conference sessions will be optional but are very welcome. We will have extra masks on hand at the registration table.

Precautions that the organizers have put into place for the event:

- Offering some sessions in a hybrid format so that individuals can participate online
- Provide (free) rapid tests and high-quality masks for on-site participants
- Arranging outdoor and small-group options for dining throughout the conference

Response Plan

In the event that a participant who has been attending conference activities in person tests positive for or shows symptoms of COVID-19, the conference organizing committee will:

- Check with the affected individual whether it's okay to release their name to the group for contact tracing (so that fellow attendees can assess their individual exposure levels)
- Alert the participants about the potential exposure by email, Slack, and in-person announcement at the next all-group session

Questions?

Contact the organizing committee by email at conference-organizers@summermathprograms.org.