

2024 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 (but available and encouraged). Please notify a conference organizer in case of a positive test.*

Preamble: Mutual respect

The 2024 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 outdoor meals, or masking indoors), 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 to minimize exposure
- 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)
- Canceling attendance if testing positive for COVID-19; online resources (e.g. notes, slides) will be made available to all registrants during and after the conference
- Complete the most recent COVID-19 vaccination series prior to attending, if possible

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.) *If you have recently recovered from a COVID-19 infection and are still testing positive, please discuss with the organizers in advance.*
- Wear a mask if you are presenting with viral symptoms
- Notify a member of the organizing committee in case of a positive test
- Respect the concerns of fellow attendees regarding COVID-19

Masks in conference sessions will be optional but are welcome. We will have extra masks on hand at the registration table and with our rapid test station every morning.

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

- Provide (free) rapid tests and high-quality masks for on-site participants
- Offering 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 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)
 - If approved: we'll include that information in the announcement below
 - Else: we'll ask the affected individual to alert any close contacts themselves
- 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.