

## We look forward to welcoming you to Manchester Central on 20-21 September.

The Congress team have been working hard to ensure we host the event in a covid-safe environment, and I want to reassure you that keeping our delegates safe is our priority. The event has been organised to comply fully with the Government road map and we have introduced a number of other **covid safety measures**.

Here's what to expect and what to do before you attend.

We look forward to welcoming you to the event soon.




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### 1. Before you attend

 All guests will be required to carry out a **rapid lateral flow test**. Tests should be carried out within 24 hours of your arrival to the event\*.

- ▶ Tests can be ordered **HERE**
- ▶ There is no facility to do the test at the venue so you must do the test before you arrive
- ▶ You will only be permitted entry with a negative test result, indicated on your arrival, either by photographic evidence of the test strip or logged via the NHS app
- ▶ If you test positive then please do not attend

\*Please note if you are attending the Patient Safety Awards, you only need to do 1 x lateral flow test 24 hours before you first arrive at the venue.

 **Covid Declaration:** please do not attend the event if you answer **YES** to any of the below questions.

- Have you tested positive for covid-19 in the last 7 days?
- Are you waiting for a covid-19 test or the results?
- Do you have any of the following symptoms: a new, continuous cough; a high temperature or fever; loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste?
- Do you live with someone who has either tested positive for covid-19 or had symptoms (as outlined above) of covid-19 in the last 14 days?

### 2. What to expect on arrival



Provide evidence of the rapid lateral flow test taken in the last 24 hours with negative result



**Badges** - There will be an option of self service kiosks to print your badge and signage and markers will ensure you remain a safe distance from other delegates



**Face covering** - We are requesting that all attendees and staff wear a face covering when moving around the venue. Please inform staff if you are exempt



**Temperature check** - If your temperature is over 37.8C, you will not be permitted entry



**Your data** - As part of the event planning, **HSJ** has a record of all attendee contact information, therefore, you will not be required to scan the NHS Track and Trace app



**Registration** - Staff will temperature check all delegates and will ask if you have answered 'NO' to all the covid declaration questions (refer to Section 1). You will then be permitted to collect your badge



**Cloakroom facilities** - Will be available, however, in order to gain faster entry we strongly recommend bringing small accessories that can remain with you throughout the event



**Security check** - The venue will be conducting bag checks and we thank you in advance for your cooperation

*Please note that registration opens at 8am. We strongly advise that you arrive early to allow enough time for entry due to the additional safety measures in place.*

### 3. What to expect during the event

*(Inspiring, exemplary speakers and practical actions to take back to your organisation, but also...)*

- Please wear your face covering when moving around the venue
- Increased cleaning, sanitising of spaces and touchpoints
- Plenty of hand sanitiser dispensers and stations
- Lunch served in individually sealed compostable boxes
- On-site event safety team that can offer medical support if required
- Digital programme & materials only, via the event app
- In high traffic areas, a one way system will be in operation
- Fresh air exchange heating and ventilation system maximised around the venue

Further covid safety measures can be found [here](#)