

Not long to go until we celebrate your achievements at the HSJ Patient Safety Awards 2021!

The Awards 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 guests 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 seeing you on the night!

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1. Before you attend



All guests will be required to carry out a rapid lateral flow test. ests 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 congress, 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



Entry - Will have marker and rope & post to assist you to remain a safe distance from other guests



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 - We will be temperature checking everyone on arrival, if your temperature is above 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



Check-in - Staff will temperature check all delegates and will ask if you have answered 'NO' to all the covid declaration questions (refer to Section 1).



Cloakroom facilities - Will be available on the night, 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 you will be unable to get ready at the venue and access will not be permitted before 18.30. Please do not arrive earlier than this

3. What to expect during the event

(A fantastic celebration of course 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
- On-site event safety team that can offer medical support if required

- Digital programme only, access via QR code
- 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