



## AAP Official COVID-19 Prevention Measures

### 108<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting- Phoenix Arizona

The American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) will hold its annual meeting in-person, in Phoenix Arizona, October 27 – 30<sup>th</sup>. To prevent the spread of COVID-19, the AAP will follow all local, state, and federal guidelines and restrictions, and adhere to all guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). The following preventive measures may change, pending changes to the overall prevalence of COVID-19 in the local area or based on changes to applicable guidance.

All meeting participants will be provided:

- Hand sanitizer via individual bottles and at dispensing stations throughout the Phoenix Convention Center.
- Disposable masks, at the registration area and nearby information booths for any participants who would prefer to wear them. Mask wearing will be optional and encouraged for attendees who are symptomatic for COVID-19.
- A list of available COVID-19 testing centers to allow for COVID-19 testing for attendees prior to their departure from Phoenix.

In addition, the Phoenix Convention Center Department (PCCD) will:

- Adhere to all applicable local building codes and regulations related to HVAC operations
- Implement and maintain industry best practices and infectious disease mitigation strategies to maintain a safe environment. This includes ensuring that the convention center meets, and in many cases exceeds, the building ventilation recommendations from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE).
- Utilize “MERV” (Minimum Efficiency Reporting Values) rated filters in every PCCD facility. The PCCD has adopted the ASHRAE best practice of maximizing the air exchange rate during periods of sanitizing and disinfecting. This approach creates a planned opportunity to reset the building with outside air as the interior spaces are cleaned and refreshed.
- PCCD’s current operating plan can be found at:  
<https://www.phoenixconventioncenter.com/pdf/COVID-19%20Operating%20Plan.pdf>