

The 2022 AVA Annual Conference is a COVID safe event

Your health and safety is our primary concern

The organisers and venue follow all government and health advice

COVID Safety Measures at Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre (GCCEC)

As part of AVA's ongoing commitment to protecting your health and safety whilst at GCCEC, a range of measures have been introduced across the venue to safeguard the wellbeing of our delegates, exhibitors, guests, speakers and team members.

In response to the outbreak of COVID-19, GCCEC has put in place all steps and precautions throughout the venue as recommended by the Australian Government Department of Health, to help ensure the safety of our visitors and team members.

Wellbeing of Visitors

If you are feeling unwell, please stay at home, this includes fever, cough, sore throat and or flu like symptoms. If you begin to feel unwell while at the conference venue, please go to the registration desk where you will be provided with a mask, Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) and the details of local medical services.

Face Masks

There are currently no QLD Government directions to wear a face mask while at the conference venue, unless you have recently finished a period of isolation for a positive COVID test. For a period of 7-days after leaving isolation you must wear a face mask when indoors, including at the conference venue. AVA encourages staff, delegates and exhibitors to wear a face mask if they are unable to social distance. For further information please visit the [QLD Health website](#). If you do not have a mask, please go to the registration desk where one will be provided.

Physical Distancing

Crowd density is no longer required. However, we still encourage people to maintain a safe distance.

Hygiene & Cleaning

We encourage good hand hygiene. Hand sanitiser will be available at the event for use. The venue will have cleaners available to ensure soap and hand towels are stocked. All public areas of the venue will be sanitised regularly.

Pre-Registered Attendees Only

Only pre-registered attendees will be able to enter the expo hall and session rooms. This ensures that everyone can easily be traced and notified if required. As part of the registration process, everyone provides full contact information (including email, mobile and phone) making it very efficient to message and contact people if need be.

Maximum Capacity

At the current time there are no capacity limits. However, if at the time of the event this changes, capacity limits will be implemented.

Track & Trace

At this current time, Track & Trace is not required. However, at the time of the event, if the Government health order changes, Track & Trace will be implemented. All attendees are required to pre-register meaning we do have a method to communicate with all attendees even without the COVIDSafe check-in app.

Conference Entry/Exit Procedures

There will be dedicated one-way entry and exits at the venue.

Medical Services

A dedicated first aid room and isolation area will be made available for any attendee feeling unwell or displaying COVID-19 symptoms on-site.

Food & Beverage

Food control measures aligned to the Qld Health requirements.

These requirements may change over time. At present, we are planning for a cashless event - only card payments will be permitted at catering outlets.

Venue Commitment

- Encourage at least 1.5 metres between individuals
- Maintaining good hand and respiratory hygiene
- Regular cleaning and disinfecting of venue
- Communication, consultation, instruction, training and supervision of GCCEC team
- Hygiene reminder messaging throughout venue.

Vaccinations

We encourage all participants to be fully vaccinated before attending the event.

If necessary, depending on Government advice at the time, we reserve the right to check for proof of vaccination before allowing you to enter.

Right of admission is reserved.

All attendees are encouraged to check the [AVA Annual Conference website](#) for updates, as we will revise this information regularly.

We recommend visitors check the [QLD Health website](#) for the current public health advice in relation to locations where people who visited are required to self-isolate. If you have visited any of the locations noted, please follow the direction of Qld Health.

Download the COVIDSafe App before attending the event: <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covidsafe-app>

Further information on the GCCEC COVID Safe Guidelines can be found here: [GCCEC Site Specific CovidSafe Guidelines.pdf](#)