



We are working extremely hard to create a comfortable and sanitary environment for all in-person attendees. Working closely with the Omni Shoreham Hotel and their Omni Safe & Clean policy, we will be implementing health requirements for attendees, speakers, and staff, redesigning space to facilitate proper social distancing, providing hand sanitizer stations, providing clean and sanitized meal service, and increasing cleansing and disinfection frequency.

Your well-being is NCMA's #1 priority. Here's what we're doing to protect you:

- **Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination or negative COVID-19 PCR Test.** NCMA is requiring all in-person participants, including speakers, sponsors and exhibitors, and staff, to take a daily health screening test and show proof of COVID-19 vaccination or negative PCR test (for those granted an exception) taken within 3 days of arrival at GCMS on December 2 or December 1 if you are arriving for pre-conference events.
- **Stay 6' apart when in lines.**
- **Hand sanitizer stations will be available throughout the event.**
- **Social Distanced Seating.** Current distancing guidelines will be followed for the set in each session room and in all open spaces. There will be seating based on comfort level in all large general session and breakout rooms on a first come, first serve basis.

Red Zone – 6' row/6' aisle - Strict social distancing

Yellow Zone – 3' row/6' aisle - Comfortable with an elbow bump

Green Zone - 3' row/3' aisle - comfortable around others, handshakes

You will need to select a red, yellow or green sticker for your badge at registration to indicate your comfort level. If it changed from what you indicated during registration, you may change it.

- **Mask Policy.** As of November 22, 2021, Washington, DC has lifted the mask mandate for indoor gatherings. Masks will be optional for fully vaccinated participants. Participants who are not fully vaccinated will need to maintain a distance of at least six feet away from others and wear a mask, except when presenting or actively eating or drinking. If you need a mask, you may pick one up at registration.

All participants will need to follow local guidelines and while traveling to include ground transportation, airports, and transportation.

If you do not feel safe attending after registering for in-person, refuse to submit your proof COVID-19 vaccination or negative PCR test within three days of my arrival at the event, or get sick with similar COVID-19 symptoms prior to GCMS, we will switch your registration to virtual and refund you the difference between in-person and virtual registration with written notice at least 24 hours prior to December 2, 2021.

If you contract COVID-19 or have questions about NCMA's Health and Safety, please contact Julia Bardnell at julia.bardnell@ncmahq.org.