

## Frequently asked questions about COVID-19 safety at the ABI's Insurance Tax Convention 2021

### What steps you are taking to ensure that attendees do not have COVID-19 before attending?

Attendees are required to provide [a valid NHS COVID Pass](#) at their first registration (the Tax Convention dinner on 20 September or the conference on 21 September if they did not attend the dinner) which can be obtained if one of the following applies:

- 2 weeks after completing a full course of vaccination, whether that requires 2 doses or one dose (that is, 2 doses of the Moderna, AstraZeneca or Pfizer vaccine, or 1 dose of the Janssen vaccine) (according to the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency authorised schedule).
- with evidence of a negative PCR or rapid lateral flow test taken within 48 hours of entry to a venue. A lateral flow test taken at home will need to be reported into the [public reporting system](#).
- proof of natural immunity shown by a positive PCR test result for COVID-19, lasting for 180 days from the date of the positive test and following completion of the self-isolation period

If obtaining an NHS COVID Pass with evidence of a negative PCR or rapid lateral flow test, attendees are asked to ensure that they perform the test so that it lasts for the duration of their attendance at the Convention (a test lasts for 48 hours).

We will not be providing rapid lateral flow tests on site.

Attendees should not attend the event if [required to self-isolate](#), which includes if they or someone they live with has any [symptoms of COVID-19](#) (which can include a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste). Attendees should also not attend where they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 but have taken a rapid lateral flow test, the result of which is negative.

If you have a medical reason which means you cannot be vaccinated or tested, or need to provide proof of vaccination from outside of England, please refer to our guidance document [here](#) on our entry requirements.

### Will face coverings be required at the event?

Attendees may choose to wear face coverings at the event, but they will not be required. We will encourage attendees to consider wearing a face covering when moving around and not seated during the event, including at the drink's reception and dinner.

### Will social distancing be required at the event?

We will not be enforcing two-metre social distancing at the event, however we ask that attendees be mindful of others' personal space when interacting with them.

Are there any other measures being taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19?

As well as encouraging the use of face coverings when not seated, there will be extra precautionary measures in place. Signposted hand sanitisers will be available at rooms entrances, within all rooms and in catering areas.

What if I start to feel unwell at the event?

If you begin to experience symptoms of COVID-19 at the event, we kindly ask that you leave the event and do not interact with other attendees or ABI staff. If you subsequently test positive for COVID-19, please follow the steps in the answer to the next question.

What plans are in place if after the event a participant(s) tests positive for COVID-19?

If you test positive for COVID-19 within 48 hours of attending the event, please notify us as soon as possible by contacting [ABICOVID-19Notification@abi.org.uk](mailto:ABICOVID-19Notification@abi.org.uk). Please include details of anybody with whom you came into close contact at the event (you may wish to refer to this [government guidance](#) on what is meant by a contact) or provide us with a contact number, so that we may discuss this with you.

If you are identified as a close contact of somebody who tested positive for COVID-19 within 48 hours of attending the event, we will contact you as soon as we are able.

If another attendee tests positive for COVID-19 within 48 hours of attending the event, we will notify you of this as soon as we are able. We will likely prioritise contacting those who have been identified as a close contact but will endeavour to let all other attendees know as soon as possible.