

FAQs about COVID-19 safety

1. What steps you are taking to ensure that attendees are free of COVID before attending?

Delegates are required to provide proof of a negative rapid lateral flow or PCR test at registration to the event by showing their NHS COVID-19 Notification **text or email**. Delegates are asked to ensure that they perform the test within 24 hours of the start of the event. The NHS COVID Pass will not be accepted as an alternative to proof of a negative test.

Delegates should not attend the event if [required to self-isolate](#), which includes if them 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). Delegates should not attend where they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 but have taken a rapid lateral flow test, the result of which is negative.

How to get rapid lateral flow coronavirus tests

- You can get rapid lateral flow test kits sent to your home by [ordering them through the government website here](#).
- You can get up to 2 packs of 7 rapid tests from a local pharmacy. If you give the pharmacy a 'collect code' when you pick up the tests, it helps the NHS match your details to the tests. [Get a collect code to pick up coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests here](#).

Other ways you can get a rapid lateral flow test kit are outlined [here](#).

How to report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result

Report your test result on the government website [here](#). Delegates should not attend where they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 but have taken a rapid lateral flow test, the result of which is negative.

Once you report your negative test result, you should receive a text or email from 'NHS COVID-19 Notification'. Please show this to the ABI registration team on entry to the event.

Exemptions

If you have a medical reason which means you cannot be tested, you may let us know on entry (we will not ask for any proof of this medical exemption) or you may let us know by contacting events@abi.org.uk (please do not disclose specific details of why you are exempt). If you have any questions, please email events@abi.org.uk.

2. Will social distancing and face coverings be required at the event?

As an organisation we are still recommending social distancing where possible, and signage will be displayed around the floor to refer to this. We will encourage delegates to consider wearing a face covering when moving around and not seated during the event.

3. Are indoor spaces well ventilated and what air conditioning/filtration systems are in place?

We can confirm that our Air Handling Units (AHU) are set to provide 100% outdoor (fresh) air with no recirculation.

4. 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 delegates or ABI staff. If you subsequently test positive for COVID-19, please follow the steps in the answer to the next question.

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

Hand sanitisers are placed by the lift area, which should be used before entering. Hand sanitisers will also be available by the reception and in each room.

6. 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. 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 any delegate at the event tested positive for COVID-19 within 48 hours, 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 delegates know as soon as possible.