



COVID-19 Guidelines - Subject to Change



We are excited to welcome you to the Worcester DCU Center for our Spring Joint Regional Conference & Exhibition. NEWWA is committed to offering a safe, fulfilling, educational, inclusive, and fun event for all attendees. However, for us to do so, we will need ALL attendees to cooperate and adhere to the below guidelines.

1. We are following all COVID-19 and sanitation protocols set forth by the [State of Massachusetts](#) as well as the [Worcester DCU Center Safety & Policies guidance](#) and [Centers For Disease Control](#). Please visit the hyperlinks for full information and details on all three.
2. Conference attendees will be required to follow additional guidelines, which are below.
3. **If you have a fever or feel ill or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 within 10 days of the conference – PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND THE CONFERENCE.**
4. To ensure the highest level of comfort and safety for all attendees, NEWWA is implementing the below:
 - a. Per the City of Worcester mandate, masks are REQUIRED for ALL attendees, regardless of vaccination status, while moving around the conference areas. Note that presenters will be unmasked when at the podium for lip reading by audience members and voice clarity.
 - b. Note that Worcester DCU Center and City of Worcester guidelines at the time of the conference, if stricter than the above guidelines, will supersede NEWWA's mask and social distancing protocols.
5. **IF YOU ARE NOT WILLING OR ABLE TO FOLLOW THE MASKING MANDATE, PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND THE CONFERENCE.**
6. This will be a handshake-free event. Feel free to be creative in how you greet your fellow attendee. Fist bump, elbow bump, foot bump – your choice!
7. Frequent hand washing is encouraged, and hand sanitizer will be available in each technical session and meeting room, as well as at NEWWA's registration desk.

Note that COVID-19 is a highly contagious disease that comes with the risk of severe illness and death, and there is always the inherit risk of exposure when in public spaces. Full information on COVID-19, including information on high-risk populations, can be found on the [Centers for Disease Control's website](#). By voluntarily attending NEWWA's Spring Joint Regional Conference & Exhibition, attendees assume all risks related to the exposure to COVID-19.

Any event participant who does not observe any of the above protocols and/or fails to heed the health and safety instructions given by NEWWA or DCU Center staff at the event may be removed from the conference without a refund.