WELCOME to the 72nd ECTC 2022 Health and Safety Hub

We are really excited to be back this year with an in-person conference!

Our community's wellbeing is extremely important to us and our goal is to host a safe and rewarding in-person conference. We will continue to monitor and adjust our health protocols as needed and will update this page regularly with information about our plans for our attendees, exhibitors, and staff on-site. Please check back for updates so you will know what to expect when you arrive in San Diego.

IEEE Meetings, Conferences, & Events (MCE) and the 2022 ECTC organizing committee continues to monitor the impact of COVID-19, as well as updates and recommendations from public health officials, federal, state, and local authorities. We will adhere to all local guidelines California Department of Public Health and hotel-specific standards Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina Health Info. in order to host the event safely and effectively.

Before Leaving Home

- Be sure to monitor your home country/location's travel requirements to stay current in the event of any restrictions or requirements that may prohibit your ability to travel.
- If you feel sick, please stay home. We will miss you greatly, but for your recovery, your colleagues' safety, and the health of everyone you may come into contact with, please don't travel.

Increased Sanitization for Your Safety

We will undertake enhanced, deep cleaning before and during the event, working with our venue partner to ensure the highest standards of hygiene and cleanliness are utilized. This includes continuous sanitization throughout the event, with a focus on high-touch areas such as door handles, restrooms, podium, audio-visual equipment, microphones, as well as food & beverage stations.

What You Can Do to Help Onsite

- Follow the World Health Organization's (WHO) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) guidelines to prevent the spread of infectious diseases at the event
- Consider wearing a mask, however, masks are not required. Vaccinated or not, wearing a mask in indoor public spaces can help protect you and everyone close to you.
- Avoid physical greetings like handshakes, high fives, fist or elbow bumps, and hugs.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Maintain social distancing between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth
- If you have fever, cough, and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early

PCR Testing for International Return Flights

While ECTC does not offer CoVid-19 testing services we have found that a number of pharmacies in the area offer CoVid-19 testing, and specifically PCR testing. PCR results should be available anywhere from 1-2 business days, sometimes taking up to 5 days. We advise our attendees to check directly with the pharmacy prior and upon arrival for a more accurate time frame. The following pharmacies are a short drive from the Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina.

CVS Pharmacy – 3327 Rosecrans St and Midway Drive
Walgreens – 3005 Midway Drive
Rite Aid – 1411 Kettner Blvd.

Additional resources needed for your travelling planning needs to US can be found at U.S. Travel Entry Requirements for Air Travelers

Cancellation Policy
We encourage you to register for in-person attendance only after you have received travel authorization from your sponsor. Once you register, the conference anticipates your participation and incurs financial liabilities for your participation. If a change in your sponsoring organization's travel policy necessitates cancellation after you have registered and paid, standard conference cancellation policies will apply.

We look forward to your joining us in San Diego, CA, USA!

2022 ECTC Executive Committee