



## Future Problem Solving Program International

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### Future Problem Solving Program International COVID Protocol

The FPSPI COVID protocol was first developed March 1, 2022 when registration for the 2022 International Conference opened.

As the situation is continually monitored, the FPSPI Board of Trustees and the International Office staff analyzed the situation and applied updates shared on April 15, 2022.

The current COVID protocol for the on-site International Conference at UMass-Amherst is shared below. FPSPI will update this information as federal, state, local, and campus guidance changes. Updates to the protocol will be communicated with attendees.

- Hosting a safe event is our top priority
- On-site attendees must be either fully vaccinated OR provide proof of negative COVID PCR test taken (no more than) 72 hours prior to check-in at IC. This must be uploaded on our Crowdpass platform.
- On-site, FPSPI strongly recommends all participants mask indoors during all events as we are mixing participants from different locations and countries with variable levels of COVID-19 prevalence.
- FPSPI will provide KN95 masks to all registered participants upon check-in.
- Sanitizing stations will be available at conference venues.
- For International participants: Any non-US citizen non-immigrant 18 years and above must be vaccinated to enter the US. Those younger than 18 years will be subject to the same requirements as all other participants (proof of vaccination or testing prior to arrival and masking indoors on-site). We would support any interested participants to get vaccinated in US.
- FPSPI and UMass leadership has completed Pandemic Protocol certifications.
- Internal plans are in place for COVID communications among the FPSPI and UMass leadership team.



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### Safety Protocol Prior to On-Site attendance

- Participants attending will be required to upload vaccination information or proof of negative COVID PCR test 48-72 hours prior to attendance in a confidential portal CrowdPass to ensure privacy.
- [As of Apr 4](#): CDC requires all international travelers to US 18 years and above to provide proof of full vaccination. Those younger than 18 years are exempt.

### On-site registration:

- All participants will be provided a KN95 mask upon arrival on campus.
- All participants will be provided contact information for Pandemic Compliance Advisor to access while on-site if COVID symptoms are present.

### During International Conference

- If anyone experiences severe symptoms at any point (trouble breathing, chest pain, disorientation, etc.), call 911
- If participants feel sick or experience symptoms of fever, cough or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, contact Pandemic Compliance Advisor (phone + email will be included in registration packet)
  - Pandemic Compliance Advisor will ensure availability of ~200 rapid antigen tests on-site to be used on demand
  - [Per CDC protocols](#) (subject to change), we would place individuals meeting criteria below in isolation facilities identified by UMass. All will be required to continue masking
    - For fully vaccinated person, isolate if they have symptoms or test positive. Need to mask indoors around all others.
    - For unvaccinated person, isolate if they have been exposed, have symptoms, or test positive. Need to mask indoors around all.
- UMass has identified a nearby building in Southwest housing complex available for use as isolation facility. If these rooms are needed, FPSPI will be billed at the regular nightly rate (plus linen). **It would be up to the individual teams to provide chaperoning, meals, and any other needs for any students who have to move into these isolation/quarantine rooms.**



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- UMass has identified the following locations where participants can seek care if feeling sick:
  - [Cooley Dickinson Urgent Care](#); 170 University Drive Amherst, MA 01002 413-582-4400;
  - Hadley MedExpress Urgent Care 424 Russell Street Hadley, MA 01035 413-253-0483;
  - CVS Pharmacy Walk-In Clinic 165 University Drive Amherst, MA 01002 866-389-2727

### Other Documents for Reference:

- Fact Sheet for Parents and Students/COVID Information:  
<https://www.fpspi.org/pdf/ic/2022/COVID%20Information%20April%201.pdf>
- IC Registration Packet:  
<https://www.fpspi.org/pdf/ic/2022/Participants%20Hybrid%20IC%202022%20Registration%20Packet%20-%20Access%20Code%20removed.pdf>
- COVID Waiver Form: <https://www.fpspi.org/pdf/ic/2022/COVID%20Waiver.pdf>

**Please keep in mind FPSPI COVID Protocol is subject to change based on CDC, state, and/or local guidelines at time of event.**