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## SHIEC Annual Conference COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocol

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We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the 2021 SHIEC Annual Conference in Scottsdale, AZ. To ensure the health and safety of everyone present, **SHIEC is adopting a “Vaccination Required” approach for all in-person attendees, exhibitors, and staff members. This means that all attendees, exhibitors, and staff members attending the conference in person will need to provide proof of their COVID-19 “full vaccination” to attend to the conference. Anyone who cannot provide verification of their fully vaccinated status is invited to participate in the conference using the virtual attendance option.**

- A person is considered **fully vaccinated**: 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, or 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen vaccine. This guidance applies to COVID-19 vaccines authorized for emergency or full use by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (i.e., Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, and Johnson and Johnson (J&J)/Janssen COVID-19 vaccines), and COVID-19 vaccines authorized for emergency use by the World Health Organization (i.e., AstraZeneca/Oxford), as of May 10, 2021.<sup>1</sup>
- If an attendee, exhibitor, or staff member cannot meet these requirements, they are NOT considered fully vaccinated and will not be permitted to attend the conference in-person. SHIEC is unable to refund tickets at this late stage, but all tickets, regardless of type, allow full access to the virtual conference. Reservation refunds with the Westin Kierland cannot be guaranteed by SHIEC and should be addressed directly with the hotel.
- **To demonstrate proof of full vaccination** for right of entry to the conference, SHIEC has selected the CLEAR Health Pass vaccine validation solution, following the lead of larger health care conferences such as HIMSS, who have also selected the CLEAR Health Pass solution. Here’s how to use CLEAR Health Pass to attend the conference in person: Download or open the free CLEAR app and tap on the white Health Pass tile and complete these steps before August 12th: <https://clear.app.link/SHIEC>
  - Scroll down, select “All other locations” and enter the code ‘SHIEC21’, if prompted
  - Easily enroll or verify your identity with a quick selfie
  - Follow prompts to securely confirm your proof of vaccination.
  - Tap “Open Health Pass” to make sure that you’ve been cleared!
  - Need help? Call 855-CLEAR-ME, tap “Get In Touch” in the app, or contact [clientservices@clearme.com](mailto:clientservices@clearme.com) for assistance.

**UPDATE: As of July 27, 2021, the CDC has issued new guidance that Americans should consider wearing masks in indoor settings, even when fully vaccinated, in certain circumstances<sup>2</sup>. Attendees will be asked to wear masks in shared areas of the Westin Kierland, regardless of vaccination status (all in-person attendees must be fully vaccinated and must verify their vaccination status using CLEAR in advance of the conference).**

This information will continue to be updated as new information becomes available. Please check back for additional guidance. Please reach out to [info@strategichie.com](mailto:info@strategichie.com) for any questions or clarifications about these health and safety protocols.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html> and <https://www.who.int/teams/regulation-prequalification/eul/covid-19> and <https://www.who.int/news/item/07-05-2021-who-lists-additional-covid-19-vaccine-for-emergency-use-and-issues-interim-policy-recommendations>

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