



August 16, 2022

Dear ASCE Institute, Region, Section, Branch, Younger Member and Student Leaders:

In keeping with industry practices and current guidelines recommended by health officials, ASCE has modified its COVID policies regarding attendance at in-person events. Attendees and staff at Society-level events will **no longer be required to be vaccinated against COVID-19 nor be subject to mandatory testing**. This policy applies to Society-level events, such as ASCE's national and international technical conferences, committee meetings, workshops, and seminars.

We continue to encourage sections, branches, institute chapters, student chapters and all other constituent groups to make decisions about vaccines and other protocols based on the specific nature of their events, including event size, level of community spread, and requirements recommended or imposed by state or local authorities, venues, or hosting entities, when establishing policies for events. Attendees are strongly encouraged to consult the registration website and/or the website of the host venue of specific events to determine policies and protocols that may be in place.

As always, our foremost obligation is to the health and safety of our members, our staff, and the public. Given the persistent effects of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we will continue to observe in-person meeting protocols for Society-level events intended to reduce the transmission of communicable illness. Details regarding these protocols will be posted on the registration page for each event.

Virtual meetings offer numerous benefits in support of ASCE's mission and goals, allowing greater participation from individuals who do not have the time or resources to travel, reducing overall meeting expenses, and supporting our sustainability goals by lowering the carbon impact of our organization. We strongly encourage our volunteer leaders to consider these factors in their future planning.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we take this important step, keeping in mind our ethical obligation to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. We appreciate your continued efforts on behalf of ASCE and look forward to moving the Society and the nation to a brighter future.

Warm regards,

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President

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