NCQA COVID-19 GUIDELINES FOR IN-PERSON EVENTS (as of June 1, 2022)

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance regarding safety protocols at NCQA events, including but not limited to conferences, educational events, stakeholder meetings, etc. (collectively referred to as "events" under these guidelines) that are held in-person   at NCQA's office or third party facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic. Although attendees should recognize and accept there is inherent risk involved in attending in-person events, NCQA has adopted risk-mitigation measures to reduce the potential exposure and transmission of COVID-19 at our in-person events. While we look to resume some in-person events in furtherance of our mission, the health and safety of all persons present at/during in-person events remains our top priority.

These guidelines are subject to change based on revised guidance from the CDC and/or state and local jurisdictions in which events are being held. NCQA staff will update registered or proposed attendees if our guidance or protocols change.

Vaccination

- All event attendees will be required to furnish proof of full vaccination, with a vaccine that is authorized for use by the U.S.Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
- "Full vaccination" shall mean that (i) at least two weeks have passed prior to the event since theattendee received either (a) one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine or (b) a second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines **and** (ii) attendee has received a CDC authorized booster if at least two months have passed since (i)(a) or five months have passed since (i)(b).
- Details on how to submit vaccine information online through a third-party vendor or otherwise submit proof of vaccination will be shared with registrants or proposed attendees for each event.
- At this time, NCQA will not consider requests for exemption from this requirement or offer a test out option. Those who are not fully vaccinated are welcomed to attend the event remotely if a remote option is available.

Testing

- NCQA encourages all attendees to take a COVID test ahead of the event regardless of vaccination status.
- NCQA may require proof of a negative COVID test for entry or provide for onsite testing for certain events and will communicate accordingly.

Health Protocols

- A person may not attend if they knowingly have been exposed to COVID-19 or are experiencing symptoms (see the "Attendee Expectations" section below for details).

- Frequent handwashing or use of hand sanitizer is strongly encouraged.
- Details regarding masking and social distancing will be provided closer to the event based on CDC, state and local guidance and associated levels of transmission. If required, attendees should follow proper mask wearing (over nose and mouth) at an event when not actively eating or drinking.

Attendee Expectations

The responsibility for a safe and healthy event environment is a shared responsibility among the event organizers, event venues and event attendees. To this end, all event attendees are expected to adhereto the following:

➢ Comply with the above-referenced vaccination requirement.

➢ Follow proper face covering protocols (covering nose and mouth) while indoors and not activelyeating or drinking.

➢ Adhere to spacing recommendations.

➢ Sanitize hands as recommended.

➢ Do not attend an NCQA in-person program if you are experiencing, or during the 10-day period immediately preceding the program have experienced, symptoms associated with the fluor COVID-19 unless you have been medically cleared by your healthcare provider or you satisfythe relevant guidelines promulgated by state or local public health authorities. You also should not attend if during the 10-day period immediately preceding the event (i) you believe that you may have been exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 or (ii) you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and are not yet cleared as non-contagious by your healthcare provider or you satisfy the relevant guidelines promulgated by state or local public health authorities. In addition, attendees should self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19.

➢ An attendee may be required to leave an event (and forfeit any registration fee paid, if applicable) if, in the sole discretion of NCQA staff, they have not complied with event protocols.