



WHAT TO EXPECT AT EVENTS: FEBRUARY 2022 UPDATE ON COVID-19

The BJCC will continue to support local and statewide guidelines designed to combat COVID-19. The health and safety of our Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex (BJCC) employees, guests, and exhibitors remains our top priority. The BJCC is meeting the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), monitoring local developments, and taking the appropriate precautions. Our current protocols for safe meetings & events are outlined below. These protocols may continue to shift as public health guidelines adjust to combat the new variants.

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Do I have to wear a face covering to attend an event?
- Do I have to be vaccinated to attend an event?
- Do I need to show proof of a negative COVID-19 test to attend an event?

For scheduled events, mask, vaccination and testing requirements may vary. **While the BJCC is working with event organizers on an event-by-event basis to follow state and local requirements, we are proactively maintaining a baseline of any requirements and recommendations the CDC, Jefferson County, and State of Alabama health departments may have in place at any given time.** Currently, all BJCC team members are required to wear face coverings throughout our venues. Event organizers may choose to mandate face coverings, vaccination or testing for attendees. Any such mandate will be communicated via email, social media, and updated website event information prior to the event, and all visitors must abide by any mandates for the duration of the event.

BJCC COVID PROTOCOLS

Face Coverings

Face coverings will be worn by all BJCC staff throughout our venues.

Cleaning & Sanitation

- Touch-free hand sanitizer stations are located throughout the facilities.
- All high touch surfaces are disinfected on a continual basis by the BJCC Clean Team. These touch points include but are not limited to entry doors, handrails, restrooms, trash receptacle touch points, dining tables and chairs.

Onsite Communications

- Print and digital signage in public areas, including restrooms, reminds guests of important hygiene measures and social distancing.

Attendee Protocols

- If exhibiting symptoms, stay home and avoid contact with other people.

- Public safety is strengthened when everyone complies with good hygiene practices.
- Social distancing is recommended while in BJCC facilities.


Staff & Exhibitor Protocols

- Employees will wear face coverings onsite.
- Visitors, exhibitors and promoters may be required to wear face coverings onsite, dependent on the event organizer's mandate.
- Employees are directed to stay home when sick, and to inform Human Resources immediately if they are aware of exposure to COVID-19.

In August 2020, the BJCC became the first facility in Alabama to earn the STAR™ Facility Accreditation on cleaning, disinfection and infectious disease prevention, granted through the Global Biorisk Advisory Council (GBAC). The GBAC STAR is the industry's leading outbreak prevention, response and recovery accreditation. The accreditation process evaluated the BJCC's proficiency within 20 key efforts, ranging from standard operating procedures and risk assessment strategies to PPE and response measures to combat biohazards and infectious diseases, including the novel coronavirus (SARS CoV-2).

COVID-19 remains an evolving situation. The Alabama Department of Public Health and the CDC continue to provide information and guidance. The BJCC recommends guests review the following resources for the most up-to-date information:

- Alabama Department of Health
<https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/index.html>
- Centers for Disease Control <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- World Health Organization <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

The Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex (BJCC) is Alabama's premier sports, convention and entertainment center. It is home to two exhibition halls offering 220,000 square feet for trade shows and exhibitions, as well as four entertainment venues including Protective Stadium, Legacy Arena and the concert hall. The BJCC campus also includes the Uptown Entertainment District, The Westin Birmingham Hotel and Alabama's largest hotel, the 757-room Sheraton Birmingham. 

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