



February 28th, 2022

2021-2022 AMUG Members

RE: COVID-19 mandates and co-located activities

AMUG Members,

We are pleased to inform you that the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois have lifted their mandates for proof of vaccination and their requirement for masks. Please note, however, that masks are still required when using public transportation or visiting congregate facilities, such as hospitals and long-term care operations.

It is our understanding that our host facility, the Hilton Chicago, will not be imposing any site-specific mandates, and we do not expect this to change. Furthermore, AMUG will not be imposing any mandates or protocols, but we will need to follow any that may be imposed by the regulatory entities.

With these changes, you will be able to attend the AMUG Conference without proof of vaccination and can enjoy the event without a mask.

We will do our best to keep everyone informed of any changes to protocols. However, we recommend that you review the state, city and hotel websites for the most up-to-date information.

- State of Illinois: <https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance.html>
- City of Chicago: <https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/covid-19/home.html>
- Hilton Chicago: <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/chichhh-hilton-chicago/>

Understanding this is a challenging situation and that many of our members may be affected by this information we have decided to delay our normal registration price increase until March 11th, 2022. We hope this will allow members unsure of the situation additional time to register without consequence of this last-minute information.

ASTM and SME programs:

We have two (2) activities scheduled for the Saturday and Sunday before the opening of the AMUG Conference. These activities are the ASTM Certification program and the SME Certificate program. While included in the week's activities for the benefit of AMUG Members, conference registration is not required for participants. However, these programs require registration with their respective organizations. For details and links to registration, visit https://www.amug.com/2022_train_certify

We look forward to your participation and a return to normality.

Sincerely,

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