



*The VSDS is taking precautions to help ensure the health and safety of our attendees participating in the Vermont Dental Conference in-person event at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, September 2022. Your cooperation and understanding are appreciated in following the event safety protocols. Protocols are subject to change and based upon current data.*

#### **EVENT SAFETY PROTOCOLS:**

- **The VSDS is strongly recommending that all attendees, students, exhibitors, and speakers perform a home TEST 24-48 hours prior to arrival at the conference.** If you have a positive test result or are symptomatic, please stay home and ensure the health and wellbeing of ALL our dental professionals by self-screening. We thank you in advance for doing your part with these safety protocols.
- **Masks** are encouraged, wearing a mask is a personal choice; there is not a mask mandate in effect for Vermont at this time.
- **Sanitization stations** will be available throughout the venue.
- **Physical distancing** will be included in the structure of the classroom seating, exhibitor booth placement, and lunch design.
- **Walk-in participants** (those who did not pre-register) will require a temperature check and antigen test prior to participating. A recording of 100.4 or higher indicates a fever (Resource: VDH/CDC) and that person will be asked to leave the conference center. Space and acceptance are not guaranteed without being pre-registered for the event.
- **Registration cancellation/changes** after August 28, 2022, should be made to VSDS, including COVID related incidents. Refunds will be considered post-event.
- **Post Event:** If you experience symptoms post-event and test positive within 24-48 hours after attending this event, please notify the proper channels and alert VSDS's Patrick Gallivan, Executive Director as soon as possible. Call 802-864-0115.

#### **Approved by VSDS, and issued as of August 19, 2022**

*This policy will be reevaluated closer to the event, and any changes will be communicated to those already registered and noted on the event website(s). VSDS promotes the importance of being [up to date with vaccination](#) to protect people against serious illness, hospitalization, and death.*

**If You Are Sick or Have Been Exposed:**

- If you are sick, showing any potential symptoms, have tested positive for Covid-19, and not recovered, or were exposed to anyone who tested positive within the last five days, please stay home.
- If you experience any symptoms after your arrival, please leave the event if safe to do so. If needed a VSDS conference staff member can assist.

**Acknowledgement of Risk**

Event participants understand and acknowledge that travel to and attendance at the Vermont Dental Conference September Annual Conference (“Event”) may increase the risk of exposure to communicable diseases, including COVID-19 and its variants (“COVID-19”). Participants understand and acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk of exposure to or infection by COVID-19 by attending this Event. Your attendance at the Event is voluntary, participants who attend the Event in person knowingly assume the risks related to COVID-19 associated with in-person attendance.

VSDS will continue to monitor CDC and VT. Department of Health data. See resource links below for your own informational use.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html#recommendations>

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19>