



ATPI 2022 Winter Conference Code of Conduct Risks and Guidelines Associated with COVID-19

The Association of Texas Photography Instructors offers the following guidelines to provide a safe environment for in-person conventions.

Before Leaving Home

- Follow relevant guidance provided by your local health authority and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- Evaluate your own health and that of people you are in close contact with. Contact your adviser, school administrators and our executive director if you have concerns.
- Stay home if you feel sick.
- We encourage you to receive a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours before the start of the convention to ensure a safe and healthy event.

On-site During the Event

- Masks or facial coverings are required over the nose and mouth while in all common spaces of the convention when students are participating in on-site contests. Refusal will result in removal from convention spaces.
- Follow the hygiene requirements below:
- Washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or alcohol-based sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Covering your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing. Throw used tissues in the trash.
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Adhere to social distance protocols put in place by the event organizers and respect others' personal space.
- Tell your adviser and have your adviser contact ATPI Vice President Sergio Almendariz (vpconference@atpi.org) if you feel unwell or are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.

Post-event

- If you test positive for COVID-19 up to 14 days after returning home, please contact the meeting/event organizers to advise them of your diagnosis.

ATPI Policy/Waiver of Liability

COVID-19 has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is reported to be extremely contagious. People reportedly can be infected and show no symptoms and still spread the disease.

The Association of Texas Photography Instructors cannot prevent you from becoming exposed to, contracting or spreading COVID-19 while attending the Winter Conference and/or entering onto premises where ATPI events are held. It is not possible to constrain the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to attend a convention organized by ATPI and enter premises where the convention is held, you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I hereby choose to accept the risk of contracting COVID-19 for myself in order to attend the ATPi Winter Conference and enter the convention premises. I accept the risk of being exposed to, contracting and/or spreading COVID-19. I agree to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (symptoms typically include fever, cough and shortness of breath) and, if I experience symptoms of COVID-19 during the convention, I will contact my adviser as well as ATPi staff and self-isolate until my parents arrange for me to leave the convention premises. If I test positive for COVID-19 within 14 days after attending the convention, I will also notify ATPi.

Attendee initials _____

Parent or guardian initials _____

PROCEDURES IF ILL: If attendees develop symptoms consistent with COVID-19, they must remain isolated in a room until their parents make arrangements for them to leave the convention site to return home. If they have roommates, those roommates should isolate with each other in another room. Contact the hotel and ATPi Vice President Sergio Almendariz (vpconference@atpi.org) to make these arrangements. Additional rooms needed/transportation costs will be at the student's expense.

WAIVER OF LAWSUIT/LIABILITY: I hereby forever release and waive my right to bring suit against ATPi and its owners, officers, directors, managers, officials, trustees, agents, employees or other representatives for fault in connection with exposure, infection and/or spread of COVID-19 related to attending its events. I understand that this waiver means I give up my right to bring any claim based on negligence, including for personal injuries, death, disease or property losses, or any other loss, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen.

REFUND POLICY: ATPi hopes everyone who registers for the convention will be able to attend; however, extenuating circumstances do occur.

Convention registrations can be canceled until February 18.

Convention registrations canceled after February 18 will be eligible to apply the amount of the refund toward future contest registrations for the 2021-2022 school year only.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS RELEASE, AND FREELY AND KNOWINGLY ASSUME THE RISK AND WAIVE MY RIGHTS CONCERNING LIABILITY AS DESCRIBED ABOVE:

Student Signature: _____

Name (printed): _____

Parent Signature: _____

Parent Name (printed): _____

Date: _____