

IMPORTANT CONVENTION UPDATE



September 27-29, 2021
Renaissance Austin Hotel
Austin TX

The increase in the Delta variant, and the latest increase in COVID-19 cases across communities everywhere is top of mind for us at THCA, just like it is for you every day in the communities you serve. It remains our commitment to take efforts to protect the health and safety of our Convention attendees, so that each of you can feel comfortable attending Convention, visiting with old friends, and enjoying the opportunity to come together in person.

In light of the recent increase in COVID-19 cases across the state and nation, on Wednesday 9/18/21, the THCA Board voted to require all attendees to provide proof of full vaccination to attend this year's 71st Annual THCA Convention and Trade Show. Our desire to protect the staff, residents, and families that we serve was the driving factor.

A person is considered fully vaccinated to be admitted to the Conference if they are:

- 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, or
- 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine.

Final doses of your vaccination must be completed two weeks prior to Convention to gain entry to the 2021 THCA 71st Annual Convention & Trade Show. If a conference registrant, exhibitor, sponsor, speaker or THCA staff member does not meet these requirements, they are NOT considered fully vaccinated and will not be permitted to enter.

In the coming days, we will be providing updates and information to Convention Registrants and posting on the Convention Webpage, how vaccination verification will be conducted.

THCA will follow local guidelines regarding masks which currently do **not require fully vaccinated individuals to wear masks** at the conference. THCA will continue to monitor and align policies with CDC guidelines and will inform attendees of any changes to our policy regarding masks.

Marriott International's Commitment to Clean

- Enhanced Public Space Cleaning.
- Social Distancing Practices.
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (for hotel associates)

**If you present with any symptoms or are feeling ill 48 hours before arriving at Convention, please stay home.*

Should you have any questions about this policy update, or if you wish to discuss accommodations for special circumstances (i.e., medical or religious), please direct your inquiries to convention@txhca.org at least a week prior to the convention. THCA will not process an accommodation after September 20, 2021.

If you are unable to meet the vaccine requirement and feel you need to cancel your registration, in light of this decision, please contact convention@txhca.org to process your refund request.