

2021 NADSA Conference COVID-19 Protocols

The 2021 NADSA Conference will provide the safest environment possible for all attendees. In conjunction with the Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel which follows Marriott Corporation guidelines (see below), NADSA will follow the latest CDC guidelines as well as those required by state and local agencies. Protective masks will be available, hand sanitizer will be distributed throughout the conference areas and meals/food service will be managed to minimize any incidental exposure. NADSA is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all attendees and will update its protocols in accordance with the CDC and state/local guidelines.

Marriott Corporation

Face Coverings

For the U.S. - consistent with the most recent CDC guidance - fully vaccinated guests and associates are no longer required to wear face coverings or social distance in indoor or outdoor areas of the hotel, unless required by local law. We ask that unvaccinated guests and associates continue to wear face coverings and practice social distancing when they are in public spaces inside the hotel.

Surface Areas and Public Spaces

In public spaces, the company has added to its already rigorous cleaning protocols, requiring that surfaces are treated with hospital-grade disinfectants and that this cleaning is done with increased frequency. In guest rooms, Marriott has added to its detailed cleaning practices, requiring all surfaces to be thoroughly cleaned with hospital-grade disinfectants. The company will also be placing disinfecting wipes in each room for guests' personal use.

These new enhanced cleaning technologies including electrostatic sprayers to sanitize surfaces throughout the hotel. We are using air purifying systems that are effective against viruses in the air and on surfaces. Learn more about our partnership with Ecolab and their products.

Guest Contact

To help alleviate the risk of COVID-19 transmission through person-to-person contact, Marriott will be using signage in its lobbies to remind guests to maintain social distancing protocols and will remove or re-arrange furniture to allow more space for distancing. The company is planning to add partitions at front desks to provide an extra level of precaution for its guests and associates and is working with supply chain partners to make masks and gloves available to associates. You'll see more hand sanitizing stations around Marriott's hotels - near the entrances and front desks, elevator banks and fitness and meeting spaces.

Food Safety

At Marriott, food handlers and supervisors are trained on safe food preparation and service practices. The company's food and beverage operations are required to conduct self-inspection using its food safety standards as guidelines, and compliance is validated by independent audits. Marriott is also enhancing sanitation guidelines and training videos for associates that include hygiene and disinfecting practices. In addition, the company is modifying its operational practices for in-room dining and designing new approaches to buffets.