ON-SITE COVID POLICIES, PROCEDURES and SERVICES

The main COVID-19 safety procedures being implemented at the DGIQ Conference are:

1. **Vaccination Requirement**
   We require proof of vaccination from all attendees. For US attendees, this means verification through the third-party application CLEAR. For international attendees, you must provide a copy of your official vaccine card via a secure upload. In each case you should provide verification before you arrive at the conference (at least 72 hours prior to the start of the conference). If you arrive without prior verification, you will need to complete the verification process before being allowed entry to the conference. For purposes of this Policy, "fully vaccinated" means 14 days have passed since you received the second dose of a 2-dose vaccine or the first dose of a single dose vaccine.
2. **Face Coverings Must Be Worn Indoors**
   Face coverings must be worn by attendees in all indoor spaces (including the boats) as a condition of attendance.

BEFORE THE CONFERENCE

US Attendees must verify their vaccination in advance of the event via the CLEAR app. You have been sent an email containing instructions on how to download the app (using our event code) and complete the verification process. If you cannot find this email, please reach out to registration@dataversity.net as soon as possible, or you can access the same instructions at https://dgiq2021.dataversity.net/CLEAR_Health_Pass.

International attendees must verify by uploading their vaccination card to our secure online location. You have been an email with instructions on this process. If you cannot find this email, please reach out to registration@dataversity.net as soon as possible, or you can access the same instructions at https://dgiq2021.dataversity.net/International_Attendees.

UPON ARRIVAL AT THE CONFERENCE

When you arrive at the Conference, please look for the Health and Safety Station, our vaccination verification checkpoint. This is a required step that must take place before you proceed to registration, and there will be signage and staff who can help to direct you to this area. US Attendees will need to show their green Health Pass via the CLEAR application on their phone for scanning. International Attendees will need to have their ID ready to verify their identity. After you have checked in, please proceed to the DGIQ Registration desk to collect your Conference badge and materials.

HEALTH & SAFETY STATION

The on-site Health and Safety Station is a resource for all conference attendees that will provide numerous functions, including:

1. Monitoring our adherence to the defined safety protocols throughout the conference
2. Providing an information resource for attendees who have questions about our COVID-19 protocols
3. Administer rapid testing for any attendee who is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms
4. Providing information about nearby locations where attendees can take a PCR test

FACE COVERINGS (MASKS) INDOORS

When properly worn, face coverings reduce the risk of viral transmission by over 40%. Therefore, when indoors (including on the boats), please ensure that all face coverings are correctly worn covering both the nose and mouth at all times. The only exceptions to this requirement are made during meals, and for speakers who are giving presentations from the front of the room. Please wear your mask during the exhibits, except when consuming food or drink.

Our friendly mask "security guard" (Dave) will be prevalent throughout the meeting to gently remind everyone to wear their masks, and to wear them correctly. He and our other staff will often also be at hotel entrances to remind you to wear your mask before returning to indoor spaces. We will also have signage throughout the meeting to remind everyone of the face covering policy.

We have an ample supply of KN95 masks if you need a new mask during the conference. Also available are lanyards and mask extenders.

Face coverings may be removed when you move outside, but please be respectful of the social distancing preferences of other attendees (see below).

SANITATION PROCEDURES

The hotel will be refreshing and cleaning the common spaces on a regular schedule of course. Beyond that however, DATAVERSITY staff will be doing frequent disinfectant wipe-downs of shared surfaces such as door handles and railings during the off-peak periods (ie., while attendees are in sessions).

For speakers, we will sanitize shared equipment (computers, clickers, microphones) with disinfectant wipes between every session.

Additionally, disinfectant wipes will be made available to all conference participants, as well as nitrile gloves.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

The Conference does not have a specific social distancing requirement. This is partly because it is difficult to enforce in enclosed spaces without severely limiting the capacity of any one room, and partly because the increased protection of social distancing is quite small, when we already have vaccination and mask requirements for every attendee.

Having said this, we ask that everyone to be respectful of the social distancing that some individuals may prefer in their interactions with other attendees. To enable attendees to express their social distancing preferences, we are providing buttons at the registration desk to signal your distancing preference as follows:

RED   No contact please. I prefer to social distance by at least 3 feet.
YELLOW   Fist bumps and elbow taps welcomed in preference to handshakes

Much as we would all like to get back to handshakes and hugs, we do not recommend them

COVID SYMPTOMS and RAPID TESTING

The most common COVID-19 symptoms are widely recognized at this point, and if you feel these symptoms approaching then we would ask that you take a Rapid COVID test at the Health & Safety Station prior to rejoining the conference. These results will be available in approximately 15 minutes.

If you require a PCR test for greater reliability, or to meet travel requirements for your journey home, the Health & Safety Station will have a list of places you can schedule this.

If you have any questions about our onsite COVID protocols, please go to the Health & Safety Station, or reach out to us at registration@dataversity.net.