



## **ASO's Commitment to the Membership During COVID**

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The health and safety of ASO members and conference attendees remains our top priority. As we move into real time planning for the Mid-Year Conference, we are closely monitoring government mandates and policy changes, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines and local public health advancements. As information on the virus continues to develop, we will adjust our approach as needed and promise to keep you up to date with new developments to ensure a coordinated effort and a safe environment for all conference attendees.

### **Face Masks**

Face masks will continue to be required while attending the ASO Conference. The state of New Mexico has a public health order in effect that requires individuals to wear face masks in indoor public spaces, except while eating or drinking. Face masks will be available at the registration desk.

You will see that speakers will not be wearing masks while speaking at the podium and will be a safe distance from the audience. The podium computer and equipment will be sanitized between speakers to ensure their safety.

### **Hand Sanitizers**

The CDC suggests frequent hand washing to avoid the spread of COVID. Each attendee will be provided with their own personal size hand sanitizer to use when hand washing is not feasible.

### **Social Distancing Measures**

Social distancing practices will be implemented according to all venue, local and state guidelines.

### **No Contact Policy**

ASO recommends elbow bumps as an alternative to handshakes and (sadly) hugs.

### **Hotel Albuquerque & New Mexico Policy**

Still want information on COVID safety policies?

[Click here for the Hotel Albuquerque statement on safety](#)

[Click here for the State of New Mexico information on COVID-19](#)