

COVID-19 PROTOCOL FOR OCT. 29

Our call to action is urgent, and in order to assist with safer participation while COVID-19 and variants of concern still circulate, we keep in mind those who are vulnerable to the impacts of COVID-19, not just health impacts, but social and financial as well. These include, but are not limited to, those who are immunocompromised, who can't be vaccinated, who have waning immunity, or who live and work with people vulnerable to COVID-19's impacts.

COVID-19 safety measures for everyone attending:

- Wear government-approved face masks to prevent virus spread. Some disposable masks will be provided if you do not have one, but bringing your own reusable mask is encouraged.
 - Masks should:
 - Allow for easy breathing
 - Fit securely to the head with ties or ear loops
 - Maintain their shape
 - Be comfortable and not require frequent adjustment
 - Be large enough to completely and comfortably cover the nose and mouth without gaping.
 - Be 3 layers (2 + filter) as recommended by Health Canada
 - Masks should not:
 - Be placed on babies or children younger than 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing or anyone who is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the masks without assistance.
 - Be made of non-breathable materials
 - Be secured with tape or other inappropriate materials
- Remain six feet or 2 metres apart from others UNLESS required by your role, e.g. handing out flyers, dispensing hand sanitizer, giving someone a mask, or in the case of an emergency
- Avoid touching your face if you have not disinfected your hands
- If possible bring a personal hand sanitizer for yourself, however, if unable, there will be hand sanitizer (75% alcohol) provided
- Sneeze or cough please in your elbow or into a handkerchief
- Download the [COVID alert app](#)

For those “on-stage” (e.g. speakers, performers, audio tech):

Disinfecting wipes will be available in the “stage” area to clean microphones, megaphones and other frequently handled items, especially before handing off to the next user.

Please do not attend the action if:

- You or someone you have been in contact with has tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 14 days prior to October 29
- You or someone you have been in contact with has shown any symptoms of COVID-19 within the past 14 days prior to October 29
- You fail a [COVID-19 self-assessment test](#) within the past 14 days prior to October 29

It is **MANDATORY** for all organizers (and highly recommended for participants) that you take and pass the [Ontario COVID-19 self-assessment test](#) (report any issues or test failures to Oct. 29 Organizers ASAP).