

CGA 2022 Annual Meeting Policies (as of 22 Mar 2022)

CGA is excited to welcome you to our 2022 Annual Meeting and is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all participants and staff. We have adopted preventative measures to reduce the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus at our events in accordance with guidance provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and our event venue facilities.

2022 Annual Meeting Attendance Policies

- **Do not travel to CGA's meeting if you are experiencing any illness symptoms or have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 5 days.** All attendees are asked to self-monitor for illness symptoms throughout the meeting. Do not enter the CGA event space if you have any symptoms of COVID-19 or other contagious illness. Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 during the event should immediately notify CGA staff.
- **All participants must provide proof of a negative PCR COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours or provide proof that they have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 prior to arrival.** Attendees will be asked to upload proof of a negative COVID-19 test or vaccination prior to checking in for registration using a secure, third-party solution. If you do not wish to upload your data, please contact Jana Hollis (jhollis@cganet.com) to make alternate arrangements.
- **CGA will follow the CDC's guidance on masks that is current at the time of the conference.** Wear a mask based on your personal preference, informed by your personal level of risk. Please review the CDC's recently issued updated guidance on mask requirements based on the level of community transmission where you live (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>).
- **Hand sanitizer and surface sanitizing wipes will be available for use throughout CGA's meeting space.** Frequently touched surfaces in the common areas of our meeting space will be sanitized frequently. For more information on the hotel's general safety and well-being practices, please visit <https://www.naplesgrande.com/Safety-and-Well-Being-Promise>.
- **All attendees share a duty of care.** The responsibility for a safe and healthy environment is shared by CGA, event attendees, and event venues. Towards this end, all CGA staff and event attendees are expected to adhere to and abide by the safety precautions CGA has implemented to protect against the spread of COVID-19.

By attending a CGA meeting or event, you agree to adhere to the precautions, policies, waivers, and release contained herein and acknowledge and understand that you are knowingly and freely assuming all risks related to illness and infectious diseases, such as COVID-19. Further, you understand that refusal to adhere to these policies and abide by these precautions may result in immediate removal from the event and cancellation of your registration, without receiving a refund of any fees paid.

CGA ANNUAL MEETING EVENT ATTENDEE WAIVER AND RELEASE REGARDING COVID-19

I acknowledge that there are many unknowns related to the COVID-19 virus, including but not limited to all of its methods of transmission, presentation of symptoms, and duration. I understand that by attending the Event there is a risk that I will be exposed to and contract COVID-19 and that I may transmit COVID-19 to others. I understand the hazards of COVID-19, including severe illness, prolonged illness, permanent injury, derivative diseases and conditions, aggravation of existing medical conditions, and, in some cases, death. I am familiar with the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(“CDC”\) guidelines](#) and the guidelines set by the state where I am attending the Event relating to COVID-19. I acknowledge and understand that the circumstances regarding COVID-19 are changing from day to day and that, accordingly, the CDC and state guidelines are regularly modified and updated and I accept full responsibility for familiarizing myself with the most recent updates.

“Releasees” means (i) Compressed Gas Association, Inc., its affiliates and its predecessors, successors, members, directors, managers, officers, employees, agents, and insurers, (ii) the Event sponsors and organizers, and (iii) the owner and management of the venue for the Event.

In consideration for receiving permission to attend the Event and by attending the Event, I, on behalf of myself and my heirs, representatives, successors and assigns, hereby release, waive, hold harmless and covenant not to sue Releasees for any actions, claims or damages in law or in equity of whatever kind, including, without limitation, all tort and contract claims and attorneys’ fees and costs, relating to the transmission or spread of COVID-19; my exposure to COVID-19; my contracting COVID-19; any treatment or testing I may receive related to COVID-19; derivative diseases or conditions and aggravation of existing medical conditions from exposure to or contracting COVID-19; my transmission of COVID-19; or otherwise relating in whole or in part to COVID-19, or any financial damages, physical injury, emotion or mental health injury, or any other injury related in whole or in part to COVID-19, including those actions, claims or damages arising out of the acts or failure to act of the Releasees, any individuals attending the Event or providing services for the Event, or my own acts or failure to act while I am attending the Event. **I hereby assume all risks related to COVID-19 in connection to my attendance of the Event.**

During my attendance at the Event (including time spent on the premises prior to or after the Event), I agree to comply with any and all requirements of Compressed Gas Association, Inc., the Event sponsors, the Event organizers, and the owner and management of the premises where the Event is to be held (collectively, “Event Team”) related to COVID-19, including but not limited to compliance with governmental directives and/or orders, use of social distancing and/or masks, temperature taking, immediate disclosure of symptoms and/or knowledge of possible infection, personal hygiene, and any other orders or directives issued by the Event Team or any of them, or the federal, state, or local governments.

I affirm that I will not attend the event if I have been diagnosed with COVID-19 within 5 days prior to the Event or if I am currently experiencing any symptoms commonly associated with COVID-19. I also affirm that I will not attend the event if I have had close contact (more than 15 minutes in a 24-hour period) with any individual diagnosed with COVID-19 within 5 days prior to the Event.

If any provision of this instrument is declared unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this instrument shall remain in full force and effect. I agree that the site of any action shall be the federal or state courts in Virginia, and the law of the State of Virginia shall govern any claims without regard to conflicts of law principles. The terms of this agreement shall continue and be in effect after my period of my attendance of the Event.