

CLEANTECHFORUM **SAN FRANCISCO**

Palm Springs, CA, 24-26 January 2022



## COVID POLICY & ON ARRIVAL PROCESS

Cleantech Forum San Francisco, In Person

Palm Springs 24-26 January

The health and safety of everyone attending the forum is our priority.

Accordingly, our Covid policy was updated and strengthened on January 4, 2022, to reflect the changed circumstances with the Omicron variant, from the original one set in October 2021.

We added in, early January, given the speed with which Omicron spreads, the need for everyone to do a rapid antigen test on arrival, feeling like that way we are allowing people to mix on the basis of the most real-time information available.

The policy can be seen below the “What to Expect on Arrival” process

These guidelines are here to ensure the safest possible conditions for the event and to ensure you can take all necessary steps before you join us.

- [Click here for the latest guidance and updates](#) on Covid-19 for the Greater Palm Springs area

### What to Expect on Arrival

#### Onsite Testing Hours:

Monday, Jan 24 | 1:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Tuesday, Jan 25 | 7:00 am - 5:30pm

Wednesday, Jan 26 | 7:00 am - 2:30 pm

#### The Busiest Testing Times are expected to be:

Monday, Jan 24 | 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Tuesday, Jan 25 | 7:30 am - 8:30 am

**Please plan to arrive in plenty of time to get to do the test. No speaker, no one, can bypass the on arrival test.**

All staff and attendees should be ready to

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1. Take a COVID antigen test upon arrival before they can pick up their badge
2. Show any necessary documentation requested by the testing company (e.g. ID, QR code if you have pre-registered, proof of vaccination (if you have such))
3. Show us a doctor's clearance of recovery from the past 90 days if you've recently been infected by COVID and you test positive.

Also, please note:

4. Store your belongings at the hotel's front desk as we will not be accepting any items at our registration desk.
5. While indoors, masks covering your nose and mouth must be worn
6. Wash your hands frequently and use hand sanitizers
7. Social distance as much as possible
8. If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms while at Cleantech Forum San Francisco, please do NOT come to the meetings area but communicate with us on [forums@cleantech.com](mailto:forums@cleantech.com) and we'll have the nurse come to test you in your hotel room.
9. Show proof of outbound international travel to receive a complimentary COVID test for your return flight (PCR or whatever it is you require to get home)

### **Covid policy - January 4, 2022 update**

In view of the prevailing circumstances at the end of 2021, with regards to Covid and the omicron variant, in addition to the above verification of our entrance requirements (which is legally required of us under State law), **we will also require all guests, before they will be able to obtain their conference badge, to take a rapid (10-15 minutes) on-site test**, so we are enabling mixing between our guests, on the basis of the most up to date information available.

Rooms will be set up with a maximum number of occupants/participants in mind. Please understand that some of our smaller discussion sessions (in set-ups of 15-40 people) may get full.

We will do as much outside as possible.

Please help our team manage a safe environment for everyone by respecting capacity limits if and when they are imposed.

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Given the recent guideline changes issued by [the State of California's Department of Public Health](#), effective 15 January 2022, **we will now require masks to be worn in all indoor settings during the event, except for eating and drinking.** These should always cover the nose and mouth.

### **Original Policy (October 2021)**

To register for the event and gain entry on arrival, attendees will be required to:

- Verify two Covid-19 vaccinations have been administered at least two weeks prior to the event.
- **OR** produce evidence of a negative antigen test taken 48 hours before attending the event. [Find out where to get tested in Palm Springs.](#)

**If you do not have proof of vaccination or evidence of a negative antigen test, you will be refused entry without compensation.**

The event is restricted to 300 guests.

No formal social distancing will be in place, this self-imposed capacity limit will make for a comfortable event, given the size of the indoor and outdoor event spaces. We ask everyone to be aware of the need to maintain personal distance.

In California, masks are not currently mandatory at venues like ours, for an event of this size – except for the unvaccinated. These guidelines may change and we will update if necessary.

Nevertheless, we recommend everyone (unless medically exempt) wearing masks indoors, when not eating or drinking.

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