

ROPA 2022 Conference COVID protocols

Before the Conference:

Between 24 - 48 hours prior to the conference, the ROPA board highly encourages each person in attendance to consider electing to get a PCR test completed. Rapid tests do not always detect COVID if the person infected is asymptomatic or outside a certain window of time, but a PCR test is more likely to pick up infection. If you have had COVID in the last 90 days, a PCR test will not be an option for you.

Traveling:

While traveling, masking is highly encouraged in all public spaces and especially on all forms of public transportation. We strongly recommend that you take a COVID rapid test the morning that you intend to travel.

Vaccination:

It is highly encouraged and recommended that attendees be fully vaccinated plus available booster shot/s (if eligible) in order to ensure the highest possible standard of safety.

Testing During the Conference:

ROPA requires all attendees to take a rapid test either the day before or the day of their first session, whether that's the negotiation workshop or the first day of the conference. Testing results should be reported to Brandon LePage at lepagebrandon@gmail.com in order to be granted entry to the conference. Directions for how to submit proof of a negative COVID test will be sent a week prior to the start of the conference.

**Attendees are encouraged to continue to test every 48 hours throughout the conference if possible. It is recommended (though not required) that attendees bring enough tests with them to last the week. The best resource for free tests is the post office:*

*<https://special.usps.com/testkits>. **Please order these as soon as possible.** Each order now consists of EIGHT rapid tests, which will come in two separate packages.*

**If a positive test result occurs during the conference, please report that result to your MAL directly and quarantine yourself in your room. Your MAL will help you with the next steps. We will follow CDC protocols. If clarification is needed please contact Brandon LePage directly (lepagebrandon@gmail.com). The hotel will extend the attendee's reservation for up to 10 days at the room rate under which that reservation was booked.*

Masking:

Masking is required at all ROPA events regardless of vaccination status or local mask mandates. This means inside all conference rooms, meeting spaces, etc unless outside or actively eating or drinking. Masking in all public places is highly encouraged. According to the CDC Community Spread map, Orange County is currently at a **Medium** level. You can check the map yourself here:

https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view?list_select_state=California&data-type=CommunityLevels&null=CommunityLevels&list_select_county=6059

An n95 or Kn95 mask is recommended above all others. Please ensure you bring enough masks to last you through the duration of the conference. Masks will be available in the event that anyone in attendance loses, forgets, or needs a new one.

Other Considerations:

Hand sanitizer is available throughout the hotel and near all conference spaces within the hotel. Social distancing is recommended (when possible) during the conference.

We ask that you use your best judgment leading up to and while attending the conference in terms of social events, eating at restaurants, going to bars, etc in order to keep you and everyone else in attendance as safe as possible during the conference.