

Measures We're Taking for Your Safety at FMA's 84th National Convention

The Federal Managers Association (FMA) looks forward to welcoming you to the 84th National Convention & Management Training Seminar, March 27-30, 2022. We will meet at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center hotel in Alexandria, Virginia.

As we continue to make preparations for meeting in-person, we want to share what we will be doing to create a safe environment for all convention attendees.

First and foremost, we will be complying with Virginia Department of Health directives and guidelines. Visit their site for the latest: https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/get-the-latest-guidance/social-gatherings/.

At this time, <u>masks are not mandated in Alexandria</u> in public places, but many restaurants and stores request that guests wear masks, especially if not fully vaccinated. **The Hilton requests that all guests** <u>wear a mask</u> in public spaces. And, <u>Washington</u>, <u>DC</u>, requires masks to be worn in most indoor venues. This order is in effect through February 28, 2022, so may be lifted prior to the start of FMA's convention.

<u>Click here</u> to see the safety protocols Hilton has implemented. FMA plans to supplement the hotel's sanitation stations with additional hand sanitizer stations placed in multiple, convenient locations. Based on recent trends and regulatory guidance, FMA will take intentional protocol measures to help protect your health and safety:

Upon checking into the convention, FMA will provide you the choice of three bracelet colors, with each signifying your social distancing preferences: 1 = maintain a distance of six feet or more; 2 = elbow and fist bumps welcome; 3 = no social distancing required.

Inside the hotel ballrooms/meeting rooms, we have requested that the hotel space tables and chairs as far apart as possible given the limitations of each meeting room. Those who are comfortable sitting closer together are encouraged to sit with each other to free up space for those who prefer more distance between themselves and others.

Finally, we recommend convention attendees purchase travel insurance that includes "Travel Delay" and/or "Coverage for COVID-19 Sickness." These coverages will protect you against multiple reasons for travel delays or trip cancellation, including Covid. Two such insurance offerings are listed below. *FMA does not endorse a particular company's coverage*.

Generali Global Assistance = https://www.generalitravelinsurance.com/

Allianz Travel Insurance = https://www.allianztravelinsurance.com/ (request the Epidemic Coverage Endorsement -- https://www.allianztravelinsurance.com/coverage-alerts/2019-novel-coronavirus.htm)

Be assured the Federal Managers Association will continue to monitor the CDC and the Virginia Department of Health's guidelines to, within our ability, make our convention a comfortable and safe experience.