

IJCLR 2022 COVID-19 EVENT PROTOCOLS

IJCLR 2022 will monitor and follow COVID-19 related guidelines & policies as recommended by the UK government. These guidelines are subject to change based on the current situation and latest information. We are adopting a public health approach that we believe will help to keep everyone safe, and ensure that we can continue holding this event in person, enabling us to benefit from face to face contact.

On the 24th February 2022, the government published its "Living with COVID-19" plan, and all COVID legal restrictions have now come to an end in England.

The below guidelines have been developed to create an environment where attendees can feel safe, comfortable, and continue to interact. All attendees will be expected to follow the policies in place at the time of the meeting.

Lateral Flow Tests

If you are attending in person and are experiencing COVID symptoms, we encourage you to take a lateral flow test. Please notify [Bridget Gundry \(bridget.gundry@imperial.ac.uk\)](mailto:bridget.gundry@imperial.ac.uk) of any positive results as this will help us to ensure that we adopt the appropriate safety measures.

We have ordered an emergency supply of lateral flow tests at the registration desk for attendees who believe themselves to have COVID symptoms.

In person Infection control

To help control the spread of respiratory infections within Cumberland Lodge and to keep our attendees safe, anyone showing symptoms should not attend. In line with current guidance anyone who tests positive before attending is advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. If you become unwell after check-in, and suspect you may have COVID-19 then you should please self-isolate in your accommodation and notify [Bridget Gundry \(bridget.gundry@imperial.ac.uk\)](mailto:bridget.gundry@imperial.ac.uk) of the results of your lateral flow test.

If you are well enough and wish to watch remotely, then you should do so.

Safety guidance

We encourage all attendees to continue wearing face coverings in indoor settings.

Wearing a face covering is particularly important in crowded, enclosed spaces where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet. If you have forgotten to bring along a facemask, please ask at the registration desk as we hope to have a stock of face masks available.

We will work with the event venue managers to provide social distancing per current guidance, hand sanitizers and address any supply needs to maintain a healthy and clean environment in event spaces.

You should continue to adhere to social distancing, wearing masks and hand hygiene in order to protect the people around you.

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Vaccination

We are very strongly encouraging vaccination, including boosters. Vaccination is free for all UK residents.

Clinically vulnerable attendees

While Omicron is not dangerous to most people, we know that some people may be more at risk. If you have underlying health issues which make you clinically vulnerable or extremely vulnerable to COVID-19 infection, then please discuss these with the Programme Chair, [Stephen Muggleton](mailto:s.muggleton@imperial.ac.uk) (s.muggleton@imperial.ac.uk) in advance of your arrival.