

## **VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE**

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## **CCE COVID-19 Policies for Youth in Government**

The CCE is meeting with YMCA of Middle Tennessee leadership frequently to discuss the impact of COVID-19 on our programs. At this time, the CCE will have the following requirements to attend Youth in Government this fall:

- 1. Present one of the following risk mitigation documents upon check-in:
  - A. Proof of Vaccination where:
    - 1. **Pfizer/Moderna:** the second dose or a booster dose has occurred between October 7, 2021 and March 24, 2022.
    - 2. **J&J**: the first dose or a booster dose has occurred between February 7, 2021 and March 24, 2022.
  - B. Negative COVID test dated April 5-7, 2022. The results must include: provider, name of patient, date of test, type of test, and negative result for COVID-19. At-home tests will not be accepted.
  - C. Positive COVID test dated between January 7, 2022 and March 24, 2022. The results must include: provider, name of patient, date of test, type of test, and positive result for COVID-19. At-home tests will not be accepted.
- 2. (**OPTIONAL**) Delegates and adults may wear a face mask in the hotel and Capitol complex at all times, excluding inside individual hotel sleeping rooms. Surgical, cloth, N95, or KN95 masks must be worn over the mouth AND nose.
- 3. Any student or adult experiencing any of the known symptoms of COVID-19, (including, but not limited to, fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose), or who has been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the 10 days prior to the conference, must not attend the conference. Should a student develop any of the above symptoms, they must notify the CCE immediately.

All COVID-19 procedures are subject to change as the situation in Tennessee evolves. Any changes will be communicated through school advisors and the CCE website.

## **Virtual Alternative: The Virtual General Assembly**

If in-person conferences are not feasible for your students or school or if students are not comfortable with the COVID-19 protocol, we will be holding a virtual alternative with a full-scale General Assembly. This Virtual General Assembly will include a House, a Senate and their committees.

• A Middle School Virtual General Assembly, in our regular Middle School conference format, will be held on May 10, 2022. This conference will cost \$25.



## CCE COVID-19 Policy FAQ

**1. What will check-in look like?** In lieu of our normal registration desk, we will have a registration desk set up outside the Starbucks/restaurant hotel entrance (inside the plaza created by the hotel and the adjacent building, on Union Street, between 4th and 5th Avenue).

At the registration area, delegates (and chaperones) will present their copy of either their vaccination records or test results to a CCE staff member to complete check-in. Once that check-in is complete, delegates will receive their conference nametag. This nametag must be worn at all times, as it indicates the delegate is in compliance with the COVID protocols.

- **2. Will a digital copy or picture of my vaccination card/negative test work?** Yes. If you use a digital copy or picture, the following must be visible and legible:
  - For vaccination: date, type of vaccination, student's name, and vaccination location.
  - For tests: provider, name of patient, date of test, type of test, and negative result for COVID-19
- **3. Will masks be provided?** Delegates should bring several surgical, cloth, N95, or KN95 masks, as they will need one every day of the conference. We will have some extra surgical masks on hand.
- **4. Will masks need to be worn at all times?** Yes. Unless a delegate is in their personal hotel room or outside the hotel/Capitol complex, they will need to wear a mask over their mouth and nose.
- **5. What if someone has symptoms at the conference?** If someone begins experiencing symptoms at the conference, they should let their advisor and CCE staff know immediately.
- **6. What's the Visitor Policy like?** In years past, we have encouraged visitors to come watch daytime conference sessions. This year, we are not encouraging spectators. We will be recording the YIG Showcase on April 24, 2022 for public viewing. Any visitor to the conference will need to check in with the registration desk and will need to follow the conference <a href="COVID protocols">COVID protocols</a>.
- **7. Will an at-home COVID test work?** At-home COVID tests do not satisfy our COVID protocol. Your test results must include: provider, name of the patient, date of the test, type of test, and a negative result for COVID-19.