

Washington DECA 2022 State Career Development Conference Proof of Vaccination Policy

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VACCINATION MANDATE

All conference attendees and volunteers, ages 12 and over, will be required to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination for entry to the 2022 Washington DECA State Career Development Conference.

If unvaccinated, conference attendees and volunteers have the option to provide proof of a negative COVID test. The COVID test must have been taken after 12:00 p.m. on March 2, 2022.

MASK MANDATE

In accordance with current Washington state and King County mask mandates, all conference attendees will also be required to wear a mask at all times, except while actively eating or drinking, regardless of vaccination status. This includes both indoor and outdoor areas of the conference.

HEALTH & SAFETY UPDATES

Washington DECA continues to follow all state and local public health and government requirements for conferences and indoor/outdoor activities to ensure the safety and well-being of all conference attendees.



Tukwila, Wash. – In compliance with the King County vaccination mandate from Washington state, all conference attendees, volunteers, exhibitors, judges, chaperones, and staff, ages 12 and over, attending the 2022 Washington DECA State Career Development Conference will be required to provide proof of vaccination upon entry. If unvaccinated, conference attendees have the option to provide proof of a negative COVID test. **The COVID test must have been taken after 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2022.** This ensures the delegate can access food venues and public businesses for the full duration of the conference.

During conference check-in, if a delegate or volunteer cannot provide vaccine verification or proof of a negative COVID test (see above), the attendee will be placed in quarantine and their parent/guardian will be notified to pick-up the delegate. Conference volunteers or chaperones will be unable to participate in the conference.

It is the responsibility of the chapter's advisor and school district to confirm all conference delegates are vaccinated or can provide a negative COVID test that meets the standards aforementioned prior to transporting them to the conference.

To ensure you are equipped to verify your proof of vaccination, King County requirements are outlined below:

- 1) Verification of vaccination may be established by any of the following methods of documentation:
 - a. Front and back photocopy of your vaccination card from a vaccine provider.
 - b. A digital COVID-19 vaccine verification record (accessed through a QR code). Visit [WA VERIFY](#) to begin.
 - c. Vaccine administration record from a vaccine provider, including an individual's doctor, pharmacy, or other official immunization record from within or outside the U.S., including a photo or photocopy.
 - d. Any other digital vaccine card specified by Public Health – Seattle & King County as sufficient to demonstrate proof of vaccination status (VeriFLY, Clear, etc.).

- 2) As an alternative to providing vaccine verification, individuals must provide digital or printed documentation from a testing agent, including a laboratory, school nurse, health care provider, or pharmacy of:
 - a. A FDA-approved PCR test must be conducted by a testing agent, including a school nurse, laboratory, health care provider, or pharmacy. The test must be taken no earlier than noon on Wednesday, March 2, 2022. This will ensure the delegate is covered during the entire conference and can enter restaurants, public businesses, etc. Additionally, ANY test administered by a school nurse is acceptable. Over-the-counter or at-home covid-test results will not be accepted.
 - b. Advisors: If your school nurse will be providing one document listing negative testing students, email document to angela@wadeca.org by March 3 at noon.
 - c. Medical and religious vaccine exemptions are not accepted in place of vaccine verification or documentation of a negative COVID test.

In accordance with the current Washington state and King County mask mandate, all conference attendees will also be required to wear a mask at all times, except while actively eating or drinking, regardless of vaccination status. Please be mindful that the surrounding Bellevue restaurants, shopping areas, and public places are following the same King Country mask mandate.

If a conference attendee is providing proof of vaccination, the delegate must be fully vaccinated which is defined as a minimum of two weeks following the second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines or a minimum of two weeks following the single dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Those who have only received one dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or are not yet beyond the two week fully vaccinated window will need to provide a negative COVID test (see guidelines above).

Anyone needing a COVID-19 vaccine can visit the [Washington State Department of Health](#) to find a vaccine in their neighborhood.

For more information or questions, please contact Lori Hairston at lori@wadeca.org.