Consortium for Ocean Leadership (COL)
COVID-19 Guidelines for the
Workshop to Coordinate Biological Observing Programmes
of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (Workshop)
April 19, 20, and 21, 2022
1-5pm Eastern

Please note that these guidelines are subject to change. COL will update this document with any changes to indoor mask and vaccine mandates/guidelines.

Venue
The Workshop will take place at the Consortium for Ocean Leadership offices (1225 New York Avenue NW, Washington DC, 20005, 14th Floor Conference Room), as well as virtually.

A video regarding the building’s health and safety guidelines is available here. Per their guidance and the DC Coronavirus Operating Status, face masks are strongly encouraged for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. Additionally, the size of the meeting spaces for this event will allow for appropriate social distancing, which will be strongly encouraged throughout the Workshop.

COVID-19 Guidance for the Workshop:

• Prior to travel:
  • We encourage all participants to get tested for COVID-19 prior to traveling to the Workshop. A rapid/antigen test is sufficient if that is the most feasible option for you.
  • If you test positive or are experiencing potential symptoms (that are not confirmed to be negative with a PCR test), please stay home. Do not travel.

• During the Workshop:
  • In accordance with the city and building health and safety guidelines, COL strongly encourages everyone to wear masks when inside the building (participants will have access to outdoor space for snack consumption, etc).
  • If you begin to experience symptoms while at the Workshop:
    o Isolate immediately (i.e., return to your hotel room).
    o Get tested (and test for a few days after), if possible. Washington, DC testing sites can be found here. A drug store rapid test is acceptable, if available. Without a negative test (confirmed each day over a couple of days), you must continue to isolate.
    o Notify COL’s Meetings and Travel Specialist, Jasmine Hill (jhill@oceanleadership.org), who will be on site for this event, so that she can communicate potential exposure to Workshop participants.
  • Symptoms or a confirmed case on site may not necessarily result in those exposed having to quarantine during the remainder of the Workshop. COL will handle that given individual concerns and exposure circumstances.

• After the Workshop:
  • If you test positive for COVID-19 within five days of returning home, please let Jasmine Hill (jhill@oceanleadership.org) know so that she can inform others of potential exposure.