

2023 COVID-19 Policy & Protocols

Vaccination: All participants and visitors planning to attend a CSHL meeting or course in-person are required to be fully vaccinated.¹ An individual is considered fully vaccinated if they have received all recommended doses of a primary COVID-19 vaccine series that has been authorized or approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or is listed for emergency use by the World Health Organization (WHO).²

Pre-Arrival Testing: Prior to arrival, participants must agree to obtain a negative COVID-19 test result, administered within 72 hours of arrival (PCR) or 24 hours (antigen) OR attest to recent recovery from a COVID-19 infection. If you test positive, do NOT travel to CSHL.³

Attestation: CSHL participants and visitors must complete and certify the [CSHL Vaccination Certification form](#) attesting to the vaccination and pre-arrival testing requirements outlined above.

Masking: Mask-wearing is optional for all fully vaccinated visitors and staff at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. You should feel comfortable wearing a mask if you prefer or if your health status is at higher risk.

Testing at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory: If you feel unwell during your stay, CSHL can provide a COVID-19 rapid antigen test kit for self-administration. In the event of a positive test result, CSHL will make every reasonable effort to isolate the affected individual, provide box meals, and access to virtual proceedings.

International Travelers: Please see the [U.S. travel requirements and recommendations](#) and also remember to check the updated COVID-19 travel restrictions and entry requirements for the country where you will be returning.

¹ The definition of fully vaccinated does not include a COVID-19 booster. However, for the best protection against COVID-19, CSHL recommends everyone [stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations](#).

² Vaccines approved or authorized by the [U.S. Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\)](#) currently include:

- Pfizer-BioNTech
- Moderna
- Novavax
- Johnson & Johnson's Janssen

Vaccines listed for emergency use by the [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#) currently include those that are listed above and the following:

- AstraZeneca/Oxford vaccine
- Sinopharm
- Sinovac
- COVAXIN
- Covovax
- CanSino

³ In the event of a positive test result, please contact your conference coordinator or the Meetings & Courses office to inquire about converting your registration to virtual participation.

