

COVID-19 Policy & Protocols



Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (CSHL) will make every effort to ensure the wellbeing of our participants and staff by following current federal and state health guidelines. Measures may include *mandatory masking* (except when eating or drinking), *capping in-person attendance*, *staggered meal-times*, *spreading out indoor gatherings* (such as poster sessions), and *enhanced hygiene protocols*.

All participants must complete and certify the [COVID-19 Vaccination Status Form](#) prior to arrival at CSHL AND bring proof of vaccination together with valid identification. Acceptable proofs include:

- CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card or equivalent documentation authorized by a national health authority (e.g. EU Digital Covid Certificate)
- Medical records signed by a health care provider indicating vaccine name and dates of administration

Testing & Health Checks

COVID-19 Test and Health Check Requirements:

Participants may be required to provide proof of a COVID-19 negative test conducted within 48 hours prior to arrival. Participants may also be required to complete a daily online health check. These requirements will be clearly stated on the individual meeting or course webpage.

Testing at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory: If you feel unwell during your stay, **CSHL** will provide a COVID-19 rapid antigen test kit for self-administration, with follow-up through the Wellness Center or local Urgent Care as needed. In the event of a positive test result, **CSHL** will make every reasonable effort to accommodate the affected individual on an extended basis, provide box meals, and access to virtual proceedings. International participants should ensure sufficient health insurance to cover hospitalization, etc.

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

Vaccines

All participants planning to attend in-person will be required to attest to and provide documentary proof of full vaccination AND boosters (when eligible) with an FDA or EMA approved vaccine.

FDA/EMA* Approved Vaccines

AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria)

Janssen/Johnson & Johnson

Pfizer/BioNTech (Comirnaty)

Moderna (Spikevax)

Novavax (Nuvaxovid)



* FDA=US Food & Drug Administration EMA=European Medicines Agency

