

NARST 2022 Conference Format Details

Please see the end of the document for COVID travel protocol links.

Please go to **PlaybackNARST.com** and log in as a registered customer:
Enter the e-mail address used to register for the conference.

Enter the password: playback (all lowercase)

If you did not get a password, you can use the chat on PlaybackNARST.com or please contact experience@playbacknow.com

***Remember, recorded sessions and online posters will be available in one week for you to access online until June 30th!**

We know you have a lot of questions about our in-person conference with hybrid features for the upcoming 2022 NARST International Conference. Please see the information below to help answer those questions. An Overview comparing the in-person and virtual components is provided on page 2. For more details, you can click on the link(s) below that correspond with your planned attendance. For those of you with online components, we need files uploaded a few weeks ahead of time in order to have the website ready for the conference.

I am presenting a paper or symposium in-person.	I am presenting a paper or symposium online.	I was supposed to present in person but now need to present virtually.	I am presenting a poster in-person.
I am presenting a poster online.	I am speaking at a roundtable discussion in-person.	I am speaking at a roundtable discussion online.	I am meeting in a committee/forum/RIG in-person.
I am meeting in a committee/forum/RIG in-person that is meeting both in-person and online.	I am meeting in a committee/forum/RIG in-person that is meeting online.	I am attending NARST in-person (online is also available for in-person attendees).	I am attending NARST online.

NARST22 is your code at the conference to use the JWMarriottConference Wifi.

Program Draft: A draft of the full conference program can be found on the [NARST conference website https://narst.org/conferences/2022-annual-conference](https://narst.org/conferences/2022-annual-conference). The program will continue to be updated as necessary, thus we will not be providing a printed program. If you need a printed program, we suggest that you download the file and print it before arriving at the conference,

knowing it is still subject to changes. The abbreviated Schedule-at-a-Glance and hotel maps will be available on site.

Note: If you have to **switch to virtual**, we CAN have you zoom in (NARST/PBNow provides the link) or share your pre-recorded presentation with in-person attendees (with a presider in the room relaying questions to you). If you want to **switch back to in-person**, because we aim to keep your presentation as scheduled, you will be able to present in-person.

What to expect for in-person and virtual participation: Whether attending in-person or virtually, you will be able to engage with colleagues and participate in conference activities throughout the four days. There are some fundamental differences in what you can expect. Please see the table below to see how live-streamed events, recorded events, and in-person events are organized. [CLICK HERE FOR A LINK TO COVID PROTOCOL INFORMATION](#)

OVERVIEW

In-person events	Recorded for in-person and online attendees -- available later for online viewing until July 31, 2022.	Virtual “Livestreamed” (synchronous) events
Some pre-conference workshops (see program)	Workshops are NOT recorded.	Some pre-conference workshops (see program)
Paper presentations, symposia, administrative sessions: There are 12 Concurrent 90-minute time slots with 15 sessions per slot (12 in-person only rooms, and 3 livestreamed rooms for virtual and in-person).	Livestreamed sessions and regular in-person sessions will be recorded. In the in-person rooms, what is on the computer screen will be recorded along with audio from the microphone.	Three session options of paper presentations, symposia, administrative sessions, during each of the concurrent time slots. These are the Livestreamed rooms.
In-person Posters: Posters will be displayed, with a dedicated session for gallery walk and Q&A for in-person attendees. Poster presenters are encouraged to also upload their poster to the virtual poster gallery for online viewing at another time (directions from PlayBackNow).	If people choose to self-record a video explanation of their poster, this will be available online along with the poster through July 31	Virtual Posters: Presenters will upload their poster to the virtual gallery (directions from PlayBackNow). There is an online discussion board for each poster along with a bio and short video option. We have a dedicated online session for a live interactive “chat” on the poster discussion board.
Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, Presidential address, Keynote address,	Welcome/Presidential address, Keynote address,	Livestreamed: Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, Presidential address, Keynote address,

Business Meeting, Awards session, Closing session	Awards session, Business Meeting, Closing session	Awards session, Business Meeting, Closing session
In-person Roundtables	Roundtables are NOT recorded.	
Committee/RIG meetings: Hybrid Audio may be limited if zooming into an in-person meeting.	Meetings are NOT recorded.	Committee/RIG meetings: Hybrid Audio may be limited if zooming into an in-person meeting
Social events in-person	Socials are NOT recorded.	Social events online

GUIDELINES FOR PRESIDERS

Here is the link for the Presider training. This also corresponds to the PDF sheet that will be found each podium in the session rooms on site.

[NARST Presider Hybrid Training](#)

Here is the same link unformatted if you have issues with the above.

<https://iplayerhd.com/player/video/780f12f5-e719-4c37-a477-47effd3ce73e/share>

List of presidors

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1JKtzuPvhK75KqR7pe596ZhPgy9K66dFllsBzCuJ0S9Q/edit?usp=sharing>

GUIDELINES FOR PRESENTERS

IF YOU NEED TO SWITCH FORMATS FROM IN-PERSON TO VIRTUAL (March 11th deadline) or from VIRTUAL to IN-PERSON

Formerly in-person paper/administrative session but now presenting online

Use the zoom link associated with the meeting room (see the full program on PlayBackNowNARST) in order to present your paper in a “regular” in-person room. Join in 10-15

minutes before your scheduled presentation time. The presider will let you into the room from the waiting room.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UWhalYQjIzpp-furAkImSAX5GGeMJ6ADDbA6KFNM3n0/edit#gid=0>

In most cases you will be able to zoom in to present live during your regularly scheduled presentation slot. PlayBackNow will provide the Zoom link for your assigned session (SEE THE LINK ABOVE). The presider (or other presenter) will need to stay at the computer to assist fielding questions for you as you will not be able to see the audience in a “regular in-person room”, however they will be able to see you and your presentation. If the majority of presentations during a session have switched to virtual presentations, we may need to reorganize the sessions. That will be determined on a session by session basis. In any event, you are asked to provide a pre-recorded ppt/video of your presentation to use as a backup in case of technology glitches. Follow the same directions for MP4 audio/video file as described in the paper presentation above. Deadline is **March 11** (although if there is an emergency case, we may be able to work with you). **If you are switching from in-person to online, please fill out this form (click here)** to request the change **and email** Lisa Martin-Hansen at ExecutiveDirector@narst.org to let her know that you have sent in the request (as she will not be alerted otherwise). Again, your Zoom link to present is above. . Keep in mind that you can share IN to the in-person room, and a presider in the room will need to share any questions with you as you will not be able to hear/see the audience. Another option is we may be able to switch your format to an online poster instead of a paper presentation.

If you want to switch back to in-person: Some of you may find that you are able to attend the conference in-person after all. Because we aim to keep your presentation as scheduled, you will be able to present in-person. **Just bring your USB drive or upload your slides ahead of time (see link in paper presentations).**

Click on the following link to download snazzy NARST Vancouver 2022 Zoom background slides.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ksf17LVSFmyXE7Dnq3G52tK_JrNDRtUe?usp=sharing

In-Person Conference Presenters

PAPER PRESENTATIONS (15 minute presentation + 5 minute Q&A):

Playback Now is working with us on our hybrid design and will be providing laptops in each of the presentation rooms as they will be recording in-person sessions for later upload to the virtual conference site. **Bring your presentation on a USB B flash drive as you will not be able to use your personal laptop.** Those presenting in-person in a Strand organized paper session or paper set are invited to upload a pre-recording of your 15 minute presentation, with voice/video overlay, into the sharepoint folder MP4 (video/audio) **by March 11** (upload here

into a sharepoint folder as backup: [Upload on this site: Remote Recordings \(backup versions\)](#)
 Use the following nomenclature: (Last name, underscore, First four title words, extension such as pdf., docx.) ex. Martin_TheIssueFacingScience.docx. These optional pre-recorded presentations will be used as a backup only if you are unable to present in-person or virtually through Zoom. **We CANNOT swap out computers due to the recording that is happening in each room** so you need to be able to access your file via a USB drive. **If you have questions about uploading files, you may contact Denise at PlaybackNow Denise@playbacknow.com.**

SYMPOSIA AND ADMINISTRATIVE SESSIONS (90 minutes):

These 90-minute sessions are scheduled during the concurrent time slots. If the presenters would like to upload their presentation as a backup (in case you need to suddenly switch to online), they may do so according to the directions above for “paper presentations.” Deadline: Upload your backup presentation to PlayBackNow by **March 11** following the same instructions as the paper sessions above. We can have the presider in the room pull up the pre-recorded presentation (there is a folder on the computer) if you are not able to access the room properly due to a signal issue or other emergency.

ROUNDTABLE PAPERS

Bring your paper to share at your assigned round-table in person. If you need to switch to virtual, you can work with the conference team to be switched to a virtual-only option if needed.

POSTERS IN PERSON

There is a scheduled 75 minute poster gallery walk scheduled for Tuesday, March 29. This is the time for live Q&A. Standing poster boards and tacks will be provided. Please keep your poster to the size of 36 inches (.9 meter) feet tall and 42 inches (1.08 meter) wide or smaller.

Poster template: If you would like a template already sized for you, you may use this link, download as PowerPoint, and modify as you wish <https://tinyurl.com/NARSTposter>.

In-person poster presenters also have the option to share your poster online for the virtual audience. We need the image of your poster and (optional) video and bio information uploaded to PlayBack Now by **March 1st** with the naming system: Last name, underscore, first four words of poster, (.doc.pdf, etc.). Ex: Martin_ExaminingInquiryPedagogyAnd.pdf **If you have questions about uploading files, you may contact Denise at PlaybackNow Denise@playbacknow.com.**

Please add a brief bio, presenter picture and contact information in a Word document (with the same naming convention of: Last name, underscore, first four words of your poster title, docx.). There is also a dedicated “online poster discussion time” during the conference that you are invited to participate in as well where you can be more synchronous with discussion board

conversations. **Upload here:** [Poster Information](#) – to place posters, Work document with bio/photo/contact info, and audio files for upload on the NARST/PlayBack Now system.

Deadline: Upload your poster material to PlayBack Now by March 1st.

If you have questions about uploading files, you may contact Denise at PlaybackNow Denise@playbacknow.com.

Virtual [Online] Presenters ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON

PLAYBACKNOWARST under “poster showcase”. You may write Questions and Answers at any time during the week, however the “live Q&A” will be on Tuesday at 7:00-7:30 AM Pacific Daylight Savings Time in order for authors to be present (if possible) to field questions in their Q&A chat.

the on-demand content.

Conference Schedule View our Online Program. All titles are clickable to join the LIVE session rooms. Online Program View our Full Program. This includes both online and in-person sessions. Full Program Program Addendum	Additional Zoom Sessions Find links to workshops, committee meetings, CADASE events, social events job talks and more Find Zoom Sessions
Conference Exhibitor Visit the Snorkle exhibitor page. Be sure to leave a message in the profile chat. Visit Exhibitor	Poster Showcase Visit the conference Poster Showcase. Enter Showcase

VIRTUAL PAPER PRESENTATION (15 minute presentation + 5 minute Q&A).

Everything a presenter needs to know;

<https://www.playbacknow.com/quick-tips-for-an-effective-online-presentation-recording/>

This video has very detailed instructions on what presenters should do in preparation and on the day of their presentation for LIVESTREAM ROOMS <https://youtu.be/6VxYvUu1I1E> You will receive your zoom link approximately 24 hours before your session begins.

Your link to present will be sent to your email. However, if you lose it, or if you don't receive it (perhaps your first author didn't send it on to you) you can look up your room (what is listed as "on site") and join using the following link for presenters:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UWhalYQjlzpp-furAkImSAX5GGeMJ6ADDbA6KFNM3n0/edit#gid=0>

If you have changed from a paper presentation in an in-person session, you will receive a guide with Zoom links for each of the in-person rooms approximately 24 hours before your session. Choose the room that you were originally scheduled in and join that session 10 minutes before you present. Our presider will begin Zoom for you. Our attendees will hear and see you and the presider can share the audience's questions with you, however as you are only zooming in, you will not be able to see the audience.

POSTERS You have your own dedicated Q&A discussion board time for posters (7:00-7:30 AM Pacific Daylight Time on Tuesday). However, the discussion board can also be asynchronous so check back periodically to see if you have other questions to field.

ROUNDTABLE PAPERS

Virtual-only roundtable discussions are scheduled. Zoom links will be available in the PlayBack Now/NARST system for presentations and/or to simply attend.

VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM OR ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION (90 minutes)

There will be two types of virtual presentations for papers, symposia, and administrative sessions.

Virtual Presentation in a Live-streamed room: The Livestreamed presentations will be accessible in real time by the in-person attendees and the virtual attendees. We have three that attendees can choose from! If you selected to present virtually when you submitted your proposal, you are most likely scheduled in one of the live-streamed rooms but please check the conference program to verify this. To provide additional programming for virtual attendees, each of the three live-streamed rooms will have sessions throughout the conference. These sessions will include in-person presentations as well as hybrid. See the instructions below for preparing and presenting for a live-streamed session.

Virtual Presentation in a regular breakout room (not live-streamed): For those in-person presenters who have requested a shift to virtual presentation, you will remain in your scheduled time slot and present through zoom. The zoom link will be provided to you for your specific session. These presentations will be accessible to the in-person audience only but will be recorded for future viewing via the PlayBackNow/NARST site.

What to prepare, how to prepare, and what to expect when you present live: Those presenting virtually in a Strand organized paper session or paper set will prepare a 15 minute presentation to be zoomed in live during your scheduled session time. Those participating in a symposium or administrative session virtually will follow the lead of the organizers for the amount of time and format of your presentation. This link has all of the directions with a helpful video that explains the process.

<https://www.playbacknow.com/quick-tips-for-an-effective-online-presentation-recording/>

Pre-recording: We strongly suggest that you upload a pre-recorded video as a backup if you are presenting virtually just in case your signal is not working well (or other issue). The video would be an MP4 (video/audio). Zoom is optimal to record yourself making the short presentation, as the output is an MP4. (Upload here: [Upload on this site: Remote Recordings \(backup versions\)](#) to be shared in the in-person session in case you are having issues on your end with your internet signal to Zoom. We will have one sharepoint folder to pull from so please name your file carefully with your last name, underscore, and then the first four words of your title: Example: Martin_StudyingSpatialThinkingGains. **If you have questions about uploading files, you may contact Denise at PlaybackNow Denise@playbacknow.com. Deadline for upload: March 11th**

VIRTUAL POSTERS

Would you like to see what the virtual poster space will look like? Check out an example of what a virtual poster looks like on the PlayBack now system. Click here:

<https://www.playbacknarst.com/poster-sample>. These will be available for our virtual attendees to access through a password-protected site hosted by PlayBack Now. We have a dedicated time for authors of virtual posters to be “available” for a more active Question and Answer period on the discussion board that is next to their poster. Otherwise, Q&As can be done asynchronously as well throughout the conference time period.

Poster template: If you would like a power point template (that can be saved as a PDF) already sized for you, you may use this link, download, and modify as you wish <https://tinyurl.com/NARSTposter> . Save as a PDF before uploading.

Virtual Poster video details: You have the option of making a short (up to 2 min.) video to accompany your poster (people really like these). There is a Q&A discussion board for attendees to chat with you: <https://www.playbacknarst.com/poster-sample>.

Additional optional information for virtual posters: You are welcome to include a brief bio, presenter picture, and contact information in a Word document (with the same naming convention of: Last name, underscore, first four words of your poster title).

Deadline to upload your poster materials: We need the PDF image of your poster and (optional) video and bio information uploaded to PlayBack Now by **March 1st** with the naming system: Last name, underscore, first four words of poster. Ex: Martin_ExaminingInquiryPedagogyAnd

Upload here: [Poster Information](#) – to place posters, Word document with bio/photo/contact info, and audio files for upload on the NARST/PlayBack Now system. It is very important that you use the proper naming system.

COMMITTEE AND RIG MEETINGS: Virtual or in-person

We encourage committees and RIGS to meet either in-person or all online. While there is an ethernet connection to the conference computer in the breakout rooms for hybrid format, the audio for the online participants may be difficult to hear. Consider the set-up to be like running a hybrid classroom. If multiple “zooms” will be open simultaneously, it would be advisable for in-person attendees to bring a laptop computer so you can “unmute” to talk and have folks on Zoom hear you. **Committee and RIG chairs will need to decide the best format for your group and communicate your plans with your members.** If you are online (or hybrid), a Zoom link will be provided for you. Find your meeting link under “Additional Zoom Sessions” at [PlayBackNARST.com](#).

For attending a session virtually,

If you are attending an interactive committee meeting, or symposium, or other that is not livestreamed, please see the ADDITIONAL ZOOM SESSIONS on PlayBackNARST.com to join Zoom to participate.

Additional Zoom Sessions

Find links to workshops, committee meetings, CADASE events, social events job talks and more

[Find Zoom Sessions](#)

GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDEES

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES

We look forward to seeing you at:

- 1) All in-person sessions – welcome reception, social events, activities, paper presentations, keynote address, presidential welcome address, roundtables, poster displays, etc..
- 2) three live-streaming with online attendees (discussion by microphone and additional Q&A in the chat) .
- 3) You also have access to all online components (recorded paper sessions), online social events (breakfast hang-outs, breakout room introductions), committee meetings (some are choosing to be online), online poster presentations (with their own dedicated Q/A time as well as asynchronous discussions).

VIRTUAL ATTENDEES (ONLINE AND IN-PERSON ATTENDEES WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE ONLINE)

NARST will have several ways to interact online and you will have access to ALL presentations (minus workshops and roundtables), both in-person and online, a few days following the event (as recordings). Here is what is planned:

- 1) Some pre-conference workshops will be completely virtual and held on Zoom. These will not be recorded.
- 2) **Three live-streamed rooms** to offer virtual options throughout the conference.
- 3) Social “mixers” to meet people who may end up being potential collaborators.

- 4) Virtual poster gallery: Interactive posters will be shared online, optional video where the author(s) explain the poster, and a Q&A component for discussion. We have a dedicated Q&A time for discussion on the discussion boards planned, but comments may be placed earlier/later than that dedicated time. **Here is a poster hall example:** <https://www.playbackaacn.com/aacn2110-showcase> .
- 5) The Exhibition Hall is a place to check out discounts and offers from publishers and other vendors: <https://www.playbackaacn.com/aacn2110-solution-showcase>
- 6) Access to all in-person recorded sessions for three months (June 30st) after being posted (video capture during the presentation) uploaded and released a few days following the NARST conference. Recordings will be password protected and accessible only to registered attendees (in-person or virtual).
- 7) For committee/RIG work, we are encouraging committees to either meet completely in person, completely online, or you can try a hybrid version – keeping in mind that zooming in will be more difficult if several people are in the same room on site. There will be a dedicated zoom link for each breakout room on site. Check out the PlayBackNARST.com site under “Additional Zoom Sessions” to access.

For details and examples of other online components, please explore the links below.

- **The Play Back Now platform:** Registrants will receive a password (connected to your unique email address used when you registered) to access the PBNarst platform. You will see the lobby/entrance page. To give you an idea of what it will look like and the various features, here is an example from another organization: Lobby/ Welcome Video example <https://www.playbackaacn.com/aacn2110-lobby>
- **Livestream Broadcast Rooms (3 rooms per concurrent session).** Here is an example of what it will look like: <https://www.playbackaacn.com/aacn2110-livegs>

During each concurrent session time slot, there will be three running livestreamed rooms where both in-person and virtual attendees can interact. Some of these livestreamed sessions will have all virtual presentations, some will be hybrid, and some will be all in-person. Those sessions scheduled in the livestreamed rooms will be accessed in real time by the virtual audience, as well as an in-person audience in the physical room. Both in-person and online/virtual attendees can interact by commenting in the chat to ask questions or make comments for presenters on a smart phone, laptop computer, or tablet. The sessions will be shown on the large screen on site. These links will be on the main NARST/PlayBackNow site. All registrants will be given a password to access to the links.

The Welcome session, Keynote presentation, Membership meeting, Recognition Ceremony, and Closing session will be live-streamed.

- **In-person regular breakout sessions.** Concurrently, we are scheduling 12 additional regular in-person breakout rooms that are not live-streamed. These sessions will have mostly in-person presentations, but due to travel changes, some will have virtual presenters through zoom. Real-time access is only available to the in-person attendees in the physical room. Please note that all the presentation sessions will be recorded and made available after the meeting for a designated time.

FAQs

Question: I am hard-of-hearing, deaf, or a non-native English speaker. Will it be possible for me to have closed-captioning in the online sessions?

Below are the instructions to add the Chrome web browser extension for closed captioning to Zoom. Once attendees do this and then attend the live session, a box will pop up with the live captioning once the speakers start talking.

How to add closed captioning Chrome extension:

1. Go to your Google Chrome browser
2. Copy and paste this: <chrome://flags/#enable-accessibility-live-captions>
3. Under Live Captions, click on “enabled”.
4. Then go to your Chrome settings, and under AdvancedàAccessibility, “Get Captions for your media” is now an option to toggle on

Question: Where do I upload my file(s)?

Question: Do I have to upload my file(s)?

Answers: While you do not have to submit a pre-recording of your presentation, we strongly encourage you to do so. **The recordings will be used as back-up** only for episodes of technical difficulty or when a presenter becomes unable to participate live. **If you have questions about uploading files, you may contact Denise at PlaybackNow** Denise@playbacknow.com.

ShareFile Links (This is where we can all share large files such as images, videos, etc.)

NAME YOUR FILE PROPERLY: last name, underscore, and then the first four words of your title: Example: Martin_StudyingSpatialThinkingGains.

- [Poster Information](#) – to place posters and audio files for upload on the NARST/PlayBack Now system. Here is a [Submission Form link](#) for individual posters presenters to submit their information. **Deadline March 1st**

- Pre-recorded [Presentations for onsite \(to be loaded onto presentation laptops\)](#) for in-person session power point to share with voiceover. **Deadline March 11**
- [Remote Recordings \(backup versions\)](#) for those who are presenting online by Zooming in. These are backup video files for you just in case you have trouble with your signal. **Deadline March 11**

Question: "My co-presenters and I are very excited to participate in this year's conference. Some of our presenters are not able to attend in person but are still willing to present and attend virtually. Given the virtual and in-person format of the conference this year, I wanted to make sure it was possible to accommodate symposium presenters in both formats. And if there is anything on my end while coordinating the symposium that I should do."

Answer: Yes, that's possible. Each room will have a dedicated Zoom address, so it will be possible for remotely attending panelists or presenters to connect and be seen and heard by the in-person audience. Most in-person breakout sessions will not have a camera and mic pointed at the audience. Remote panelists/presenters will not see the audience and may have difficulty hearing questions from the in-person audience. So, we will rely on an in-person presider relaying questions from the in-person audience to the remote panelists/presenters.

Question: I will need to zoom into an in-person paper presentation. When I'm done presenting, will I be able to hear the other presentations that are being given?

Answer: If you are zooming into an in-person session, you will not be able to see the audience. In fact, during your session, the presider/tech will need to be the one fielding questions from the audience from the podium as sound will be very limited in terms of what the presenter will be able to hear. However, we can ask all presenters of that session present "on zoom" so that you can see the other presentations during your session. Also, all of the paper presentations in the in-person room will be recorded, and you will be able to access them once those recordings are uploaded a few days later.

Question: What do I need to do to prepare to give a virtual presentation ?

Answer: Here is a link to a page with everything a presenter should know
<https://www.playbacknow.com/quick-tips-for-an-effective-online-presentation-recording/>

It includes this video with very detailed instructions on what presenters should do in preparation and on the day of their presentation <https://youtu.be/6VxYvUu1l1E>

Question: I had planned to attend virtually, but I found out that I will be able to attend in person after all. Can I switch my presentation format back to in-person?

Answer: Yes, you can! Since we are leaving the schedule as it is, virtual presenters can give an in-person presentation during their regularly scheduled time. Please let the conference planning team know of your change in plans. See you in Vancouver!

Question: We have a forum that is held as a pre-conference event. Can we have that as a “hybrid” event? Will it be recorded for future viewing?

Answer: All pre-conference workshops/forums, etc. are not scheduled in a live-streaming room. All pre-conference events are NOT recorded. However, there IS an ethernet cable in each breakout room in-person if you want to have someone zoom in to present. Those who are on zoom will not be able to hear (well) those in the room unless each person has their own computer with him/her and they unmute to talk. We encourage workshops to be either in-person OR online.

TRAVEL AND COVID-PROTOCOL RELATED QUESTIONS

Question: What are the requirements for me to **enter Canada** from the US (or from other country)?

Answer: There are several requirements, including proof of vaccination and negative COVID test. Of course, you also need a passport. You need to keep yourself informed of all requirements and restrictions, as they are subject to change. Check this website for information and a link to the **ArriveCAN app/website**: <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid> **These requirements are subject to change. Keep yourself informed. NARST is not responsible for any individual's expenses related to travel, COVID, or other regulations.**

Question: What are the requirements for me to enter the US or another country **from** Canada?

Answer: Please see the current requirements below regarding entry to the US:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/international-travel-during-covid19.html>

[#:~:text=When%20you%20travel%20to%20the,you%20board%20your%20flight](#) Other countries may have different entry requirements. Requirements are subject to change. Keep yourself informed. NARST is not responsible for any individual's expenses related to travel, COVID, or other regulations.

Question: What are the options for COVID tests in the Vancouver area?

Answer: There are several testing sites in the local area. We have a company **coming on site to do testing** — each person pays for their own test, Viral antigen tests are \$105 CAD (\$83 US) and PCR tests are \$210 CAD (\$165 US), payment due at the time of testing with credit card or Canadian debit card – with test results back within 24 hours. **Please see the link to schedule your test.** <https://fast-test.ca/narst-conference/>

NARST is also working with the hotel to compile a listing with contact information of other locations. Here is a current list of sites within British Columbia. The conference is in Vancouver. <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/testing/where-to-get-a-covid-19-test-in-bc>

You will need to know the requirements of traveling to your return country to ensure you get the appropriate test within the appropriate time frame of your travel. **Please note that the costs of tests stated on the Canadian websites are indicated in CAD.** It is the responsibility of the individual to pay the cost of their own testing and any associated expenses related to travel or COVID regulations. If applicable, check with your insurance policy to see if they will cover the testing.

Question: I am still nervous about COVID exposure. What steps are being taken to ensure our safety during the conference.

Answer: We are taking measures to ensure the safety of the conference attendees. The JW Marriott Parq, the Douglas Autograph hotel, the restaurants, and the conference venue require proof of vaccination and masks throughout. All conference attendees, conference staff, and hotel staff are required to wear masks. Hand sanitizing stations will be provided throughout the space. The conference will follow social distancing requirements of the venue. We will also have “social distancing” ribbons for attendees to indicate their level of comfort. Coffee/tea and meal events will be spread across multiple spaces to facilitate distancing.

Other

Click on the following link to download snazzy NARST Vancouver 2022 Zoom background slides.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ksf17LVSFmyXE7Dnq3G52tK_JrNDRtUe?usp=sharing