

# **NJ Age-Friendly Virtual Fair 2022: Frequently Asked Questions**

## **1. What are the goals of this event?**

The purpose of the event is to convene individuals who are doing work related to age-friendly communities throughout New Jersey into one virtual space to learn from and connect with one another. Presentations feature local community and county initiatives, statewide coalitions, allied efforts, and more. We aim to spur attendees to collaborate, join, promote, and identify ways to strengthen each other's work and the Age-Friendly movement in New Jersey.

## **2. Who should attend?**

You! We anticipate that a wide variety of individuals who care about improving communities for older residents will find this event to be meaningful. This includes community leaders, service providers, older residents, government officials, planners, developers, students, educators, community groups, funders, and more. We hope participants will be inspired to connect with each other beyond this Virtual Fair.

## **3. Is there a fee to attend?**

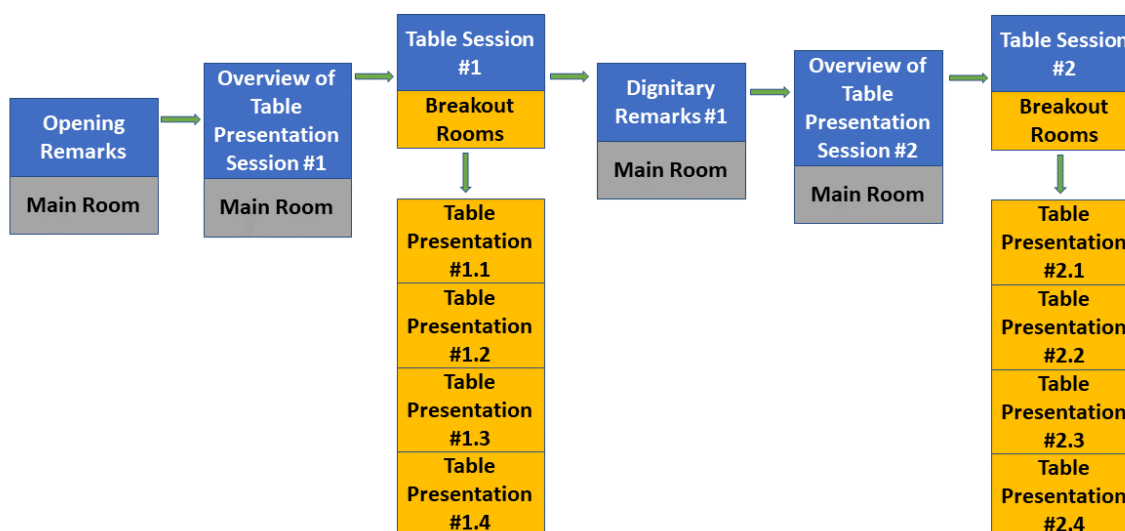
No. The fair is free to attend.

## **4. What is the format of this event?**

The entire event will be held on Zoom. The program will begin with all attendees hearing opening remarks in the "main room." Then, there will be multiple sessions of breakout rooms. In these breakout rooms, participants will hear brief "table presentations," engage in Q&A conversations, and network with each other. During breaks in between table sessions, we will hear remarks from New Jersey dignitaries.

Here is a diagram of the general flow:

## NJ Age-Friendly Virtual Fair: Meeting Flow



Sessions will be recorded; however, those who only view the recordings will miss out on the real-time networking opportunities.

### 5. What is a “table presentation”?

We like to think of these as a mix of traditional breakout sessions and tables at a conference. Table presenters have prepared brief overviews of the topics and will facilitate conversation and audience participation. Each table presentation will be 15-20 minutes long. Participants can move from one room to another during each table session.

### 6. How do I decide which sessions to attend?

There is no need to decide now! We will provide a program guide (coming soon) with a schedule of table presentations that you can browse in advance of the event. Additionally, at the start of each session, you will hear brief “pitches” for the table presentations. Then, you will be able to select which table to attend, which will be held in a breakout room. Should you need assistance, Zoom techs will be on hand to help you get into the room you want.

## **7. Who is hosting this event?**

The 2022 New Jersey Age-Friendly Virtual Fair is co-hosted by the Rutgers School of Social Work, New Jersey Advocates for Aging Well, The Henry and Marilyn Taub Foundation, and The Grotta Fund of The Jewish Community Foundation of Greater MetroWest New Jersey.

## **8. Questions?**

We are glad to be in touch! Please email the Virtual Fair project coordinator, [Althea Pestine-Stevens](#).