

## **COVID-19 Safety**

EMNLP 2022 is adhering to the ACL precaution and safety measure guidelines to make sure this event is safe for everyone. See <https://www.2022.aclweb.org/covid-19-safety>

### **Before you leave**

We strongly encourage all participants to test before traveling to the conference. You should not travel if your test is positive.

Know the current Government Policies for Vaccinated and Unvaccinated Travel to the UAE: <https://ae.usembassy.gov/covid-19-information/>

Please ensure that you have checked with your airline to understand their policies regarding COVID-19 and have adequate travel insurance in place if required.

### **At the conference**

The ACL has worked with the Covid Testing facilities inside of the ADNEC for a rapid antigen test. We strongly ask that you test before the day before the start of the workshops and tutorials and again before the start of the Main conference.

To ensure everyone's safety, and with the purpose of making everyone comfortable at the conference, please carefully consider the following if you are attending in person:

- The ACL strongly encourages our attendees to bring and wear high-quality, well-fitting masks while attending indoor functions at ACL events, removing their masks only the minimal amount necessary to eat and drink.
- The ACL strongly encourages attendees to be cautious with masking in indoor space outside the conference venue (e.g., on public transit or while eating away from the venue) to avoid bringing COVID to the venue.
- If you start to feel ill or test positive during the conference, please leave the venue immediately, and do not come to the venue anymore.
- To avoid crowded situations, we recommend making optimal use of the available spaces, particularly during coffee breaks.
- Speakers and session chairs are not required to wear masks while presenting, as there is enough distance between speakers and audience.

### **Space and distancing**

We come from different countries and different personal experiences about COVID-19, and for many of us EMNLP 2022 is the first hybrid conference after the relaxation of the Covid protocols. In order to favor interpersonal relations, we will use a “traffic light system” with stickers to attach to your badge to indicate your feelings on social distancing:

- Red: keep a distance
- Amber: being cautious, no touching
- Green: handshakes and hugs ok

**Plan ahead to return home**

Please ensure you know the COVID-19 testing requirements for return travel back into your country of origin. The requirements are available on your government website.