

COVID Protocol

EA Global: London 2021

This protocol may be updated to reflect the latest government and local state policies.

We considered the venue rules, UK and London requirements, and World Health Organization's guidelines when drafting this protocol. We also used these resources to draft questions for our COVID Advisory Board.

COVID events policies have been in flux, so please check back. It is possible that our guidance may change between now and the event. Please check back regularly and consider whether travel insurance or other contingencies might be useful to your planning.

Last updated: 28 October

Vaccination

We require all attendees to be fully vaccinated.

Attendees must provide proof of vaccination. They will be considered fully vaccinated:

- Two weeks after their second dose in a two-dose series, such as the AstraZeneca, Pfizer, or Moderna vaccines, or
- Two weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Testing

We require all attendees to take a lateral flow test within 48 hours before the event.

- We encourage daily lateral flow testing for all attendees.
- The conference venue cannot facilitate onsite testing so please take a test before you arrive and stay at your accommodation if you have a positive result.
- UK residents can order free test kits [online](#) or collect them from a [local UK pharmacy](#). (From 4 October, you'll need a [collect code](#) to pick up test kits from a pharmacy.)
- Attendees arriving from abroad can [order a Day 2 test kit](#) in advance and have it delivered to their hotel address.
- Attendees who cannot afford a test, or are unable to order one in advance, can collect a test from the EA Global team at the following times:
 - **Thursday 28 October, 11:00 am - 7:00 pm**
[The Grubstreet Author](#), Milton Street, London, EC2Y 9BH
 - **Friday 29 October, 9am - 5:00 pm**
[The Grubstreet Author](#), Milton Street, London, EC2Y 9BH

Before you travel to England

- [Book a COVID-19 test](#) to be taken before the end of Day 2 in England.
 - From 22 October, you'll be able to book a cheaper lateral flow test instead of a PCR test for your Day 2 test.
 - You can book either of these from [The Montague Clinic](#).
- [Complete a passenger locator form](#) any time within the 48 hours before you arrive.

The full government guidance is available [here](#). Please be sure to check whether there are additional requirements due to your airline or country of departure.

Attendees returning to the United States

If you are a US citizen OR legal permanent resident

- Take a COVID test ([NAAT or antigen \(lateral flow\)](#)) within 3 days before departure and present the negative test results to the airline before boarding.
 - [See the FAQ on this page](#) for info on how to certify your test results
 - Your airline might have specific requirements. Please check in as soon as possible to make sure everything goes smoothly.
- Complete [this attestation](#), to be provided by the airline prior to boarding.
- Pack [your physical CDC vaccination card](#)

If you are **NOT** a US citizen OR legal permanent resident

- From "early November" foreign travelers will be admitted to the US, with no requirement for quarantine, as long as they:
 - Provide proof of vaccination
 - Provide a negative COVID test taken with 3 days of traveling
 - Agree to contact tracing
 - BBC article [here](#)
 - [Check](#) to see what vaccination proof is required

Self-isolation requirements

- **TL;dr:** Although proof of full vaccination from another country is sufficient to get you into the UK, it is not accepted as a means to avoid self-isolation requirements if asked to by NHS [test and trace](#), and this might alter your plans. If you are a close contact of someone who tests positive for COVID-19, you may need to self-isolate in the UK for 10 days.
 - See [our writeup with additional guidance](#)

- Consider getting travel insurance (such as [World Nomads](#))

Onsite protocols

- Attendees who are sick or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will be asked to stay home and will be offered a full refund.
- Masks will not be compulsory inside or outside (unless the authorities in the UK or London make it a legal requirement). Nevertheless, masks will be strongly encouraged and widely available.
- All of CEA's vendors and contractors must adhere to the current COVID guidelines set out by the UK Government and the Greater London Authority. We are doing our best to ensure that all vendors and contractors will be vaccinated.
- We will provide hand sanitizing stations.
- The ventilation system at the venue brings in fresh air from outside (rather than recycled air) and has filters that are changed weekly. Windows will be opened to provide additional ventilation where possible (depending on the weather).
- You can find more details on the venue safety protocols [here](#).
- We plan to allow minors to attend the conference, including children who are too young to be vaccinated. We estimate that fewer than 10 children below vaccination age will be present.
- We have shifted this policy to be less COVID cautious to allow more attendees to attend the event.
 - See this rough [microcovid estimate](#) for a few different scenarios - you can make a copy of this spreadsheet and customize it. [More about microcovid estimates](#)
 - If you are no longer comfortable attending, please contact us at hello@eaglobal.org for a refund of your ticket and non-refundable or non-transferrable travel and accommodation expenses. You're very welcome to join the conference as a virtual attendee instead.