

2022 WWF Covid-19 Guidelines

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Several additional steps are being taken to maximize protection from the Delta, Omicron, or other variants and prevent possibly spreading it to others during our in-person Festival. We believe that these steps will protect attendees, many of whom are in the age group most impacted by the threat of COVID-19, and we are gathering in an area in Southern Oregon with lower than statewide average vaccination rates. These decisions were made in consultation with the Klamath Basin Audubon Society Board. **Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation!**

General requirements

The Festival headquarters will be the Oregon Tech campus which currently has a mandate for all students and staff to be vaccinated. Masks are required to be worn indoors per Oregon State mandates. We will enforce this at OIT and other indoor locations such as the Favell Museum. Masks will be available at the Festival Registration Desk. Social distancing will be practiced where lines form, for example, at the Registration Desk. Masks are also required to be worn in our buses, vans, and in carpools.

Participants may not go to a session if they or anyone in their household have had any signs and/or symptoms of Covid-19 in the previous 14 days. Please stay home if you or anyone in your household has had any of the following symptoms in the previous 14 days:

Fever or chills Cough Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing Fatigue Muscle or body aches	Headache New loss of taste or smell Sore throat Congestion or runny nose Nausea or vomiting Diarrhea
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Should these circumstances arise after registration, no refund will be provided after Feb. 6th.

Online registration - At the time of online registration, participants, volunteers, leaders and presenters will need to certify that they are **fully Covid-19 vaccinated**. Proof of vaccination will be required to be presented at the OIT Registration Desk upon arrival. You can show a vaccination card or an image on a smartphone of the vaccination card. Once the verification is made, the registrant will be given a brightly-colored wristband to wear when entering indoor sessions or going out on field trips. **Registrants will not be allowed to attend any events without the wristband or vaccination proof for the safety of our volunteers and attendees.** If your first field trip begins before the Registration Desk is open on Friday at 8 am, a volunteer

will be on hand to check your vaccination card and provide you a wristband indicating that you have shown your proof of vaccination.

In-person registration - Anyone who shows up and wishes to register at the OIT Registration Desk will need to show a copy of their vaccination card in order to purchase sessions or access comped sessions. Allow time for this check to be done in advance of your session.

Bus/shuttle van field trips - Masks are required inside buses/vans. The capacity will be smaller than past years to ensure that participants can maintain a reasonable distance from one another.

Carpool field trips - Participants will meet at a designated meeting place and form carpools. The numbers of participants in carpool field trips will be reduced from past years to around 10-12 generally. Masks are required inside shared carpools.

- a. "Bubbles" can form their own carpools.
- b. In cases where we specify a limit on the number of vehicles, carpool arrangements may be specified by the leader.
- c. Participants should bring their own binoculars or scopes when possible. WWF will provide disinfectant wipes for any shared scopes.

Indoor sessions - Masks are required unless you are "actively eating and drinking".

Contact tracing - If a participant is found to have contracted Covid following the Festival, participants will be notified by email if they were registered for a session that included that participant.