



## Health and Safety Protocols for In-Person Policy Insights Attendees

**The Budget Center is taking safety at Policy Insights seriously.** We have implemented the following measures to promote the health and well-being of attendees and staff.

### TL;DR - let's keep each other safe

- **Wear a mask during all indoor settings.**
  - Yes, you can take it off for lunch.
- **Verify your vaccine + booster status before attending.**
  - If you're not vaccinated, you must present a negative COVID test.
- **Skip the event if you have any symptoms.**
  - Don't worry, we'll send you recordings of the conference.

### Masking

Per [CDC recommendations](#), all Policy Insights 2023 in-person meeting participants will be required to wear a face mask (covering both their nose and mouth) in all public indoor settings. The Budget Center will require that masks be worn in indoor common spaces and meeting rooms at the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center.

All Policy Insights 2023 in-person attendees are permitted to wear disposable surgical masks, valve-free respirator masks (N95 or KN95), gaiters with two layers, and cloth masks with "tightly woven fabric" and/or filter inserts, or a clear plastic window. Masks with slits, punctures, or holes, as well as scarves, ski masks, bandanas, balaclavas, and masks with exhaust valves are prohibited.

Attendees may remove their masks during meals and snack breaks.

Presenters who are vaccinated may remove face masks during their sessions. If a presenter is not vaccinated, they will need to remain masked during their panel or presentation.

## Vaccinations + Testing

**Attendees will need to be vaccinated with one booster or present a recent negative COVID-19 test.**

### **Process for verifying vaccine status**

Based on [CDC recommendations](#), all attendees will be considered fully vaccinated if they have received:

1. Two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines or one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine
2. One booster of any COVID-19 vaccine
3. You are [considered fully vaccinated](#) if you are 2 weeks (14 days) after your first booster.

The Budget Center will be partnering with Bindle to confirm vaccine or test information for all in-person attendees.

Bindle is a secure, free, and easy-to-use app to confirm that our attendees comply with health screening protocols while protecting their privacy.

In late March, the Budget Center will email all ticket holders with instructions on how to verify their COVID-19 vaccination status to their app.

When attendees arrive at registration, they will be asked to show a green check mark that verifies their vaccination status via Bindle.

*If attendees are unable to verify their vaccine status prior to arriving at Policy Insights, they should bring their vaccine cards and Budget Center staff will verify them upon arrival.*

### **Process for submitting negative COVID-19 test for unvaccinated attendees**

If an attendee is not vaccinated, they will need to submit a negative COVID-19 test to our health-screening partner Bindle on the morning of April 25 in order to attend Policy Insights.

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In late March, the Budget Center will email all ticket holders with instructions on how to upload their negative test results to their app. Unvaccinated attendees must adhere to the following:

1. Administer a COVID-19 test between 2 a.m. and 10 a.m. on April 25.
2. Submit a photo of the results of a negative COVID-19 rapid or PCR test to the Bindle app.
3. Wear a mask at all times, except during meals.
4. If you are presenting, you will be expected to wear a mask during your presentation.

## What's expected of attendees

**If you are feeling ill prior to your arrival at Policy Insights, please stay home.** Policy Insights will be recorded and available on-demand following the event. If you become symptomatic while onsite at the conference, please leave the event.

Please do not attend Policy Insights if you are experiencing any of the following symptoms:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Sore throat
- Muscle Aches
- Headache
- Chills/Shaking
- Lost sense of taste/smell
- Fever greater than 100.4

## Evaluate your risk

The health and safety of all participants is our top priority. We will continue to closely monitor the evolving circumstances and public health guidance and will alter or amend this guidance as the situation develops. In addition, if the public health conditions worsen and the CDC, the state of California, the city of Sacramento or the Budget Center's assessment of the public health situation and other factors deem it unsafe to hold in-person meetings, we will cancel the in-person conference and look for other ways for us to connect. We will keep all participants updated as we get closer to the conference date.

An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and guests with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable.

Although the California Budget & Policy Center has instituted reasonable practices in an attempt to lessen or reduce the spread of COVID-19, the Budget Center cannot guarantee that you will never get exposed to the virus or get sick from it. **By attending a Budget Center event, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.**