

# Missouri HOSA 2021 Fall Leadership Conference COVID Protocols for In-Person Conferences

Missouri HOSA is planning a successful and safe Fall Leadership Conference at Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri. Realizing that COVID and the Delta variant have not relinquished their hold on the world, we must continue to be diligent as we prepare for the upcoming state events.

Missouri HOSA will host a face-to-face Fall Leadership Conference with no virtual conference option.

As Missouri HOSA prepares and conducts the upcoming Fall Leadership Conference, the organization will remain in alignment with applicable guidance from the CDC, the City of Columbia, and Stephens College on mask requirements and will remain conscientious regarding social distancing as our goal is to host a safe and meaningful conference. We recognize the situation and applicable guidance may continue to evolve between now and throughout the conference and will make changes as necessary.

We thank you for your commitment to being part of the change and helping us ensure the safety of all. Here are several factors we have taken into consideration. Missouri HOSA will continue to monitor the guidelines and make changes accordingly.

#### Masks

- We will require masks to be worn during all indoor activities.
- We will not require masks be worn outdoors, but it is up to each individual's discretion.

### **Social Distancing**

- We will be distancing each Local Chapter from another chapter when we have all the chapters together.
- All meeting rooms will be set observing social distancing to ensure there is physical distance between the chairs.

### **Vaccinations**

• We will not require individuals to be vaccinated in order to attend the conference.

## Other Recommendations/Information

- Practice good handwashing/use of hand sanitizers, available for all participants.
- Do not attend if you are feeling ill or are aware of recent exposure to COVID.
- Alert others if you feel ill so you can be tested and separated from others.
- We are working with Stephens College regarding meal options to ensure safety protocols are in place.