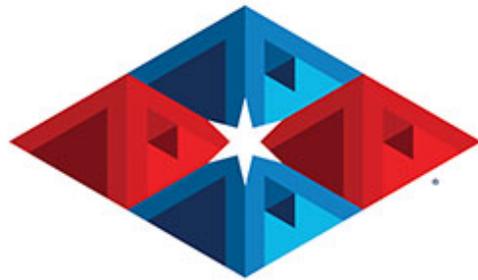


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As you may have heard, earlier this week, the City of Chicago instituted Public Health Order No. 2021-2 related to indoor dining and entertainment venues. The order, which takes effect on January 3, requires that a person over the age of 5 attending any event where food and beverages are being served, and therefore masks are off, must show proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 and if over 16, proof of identity. This applies to McCormick Place, including the Wintrust Arena, Arie Crown Theater, and hotels. The order was issued in response to the current COVID surge due to the Omicron variant and will be in effect until public health conditions improve.

This order will require individuals to display proof of vaccination to enter areas where food and beverages are served, including banquets, cocktail receptions, and the demarcated areas on the show floor where food is sold for on-site consumption. Each event will need to submit a food and beverage plan outlining the measures that will be taken to comply with the order. This plan will be similar to the security plan you already provide ahead of your event, and your event manager will work with you to develop the food and beverage plan.

We are sure you have many questions about how this will impact your event, and we are working with the Chicago Department of Public Health to address situations that are unique to conventions and meetings. Here is an [FAQ document](#) with some of the questions we have received so far. We will keep you updated as we learn more.

We know that hosting healthy meetings is a critical concern for every event organizer. We are fully committed to the health and safety of all of our visitors, employees, and on-site contractors. Earlier this year, McCormick Place was re-accredited by the Global Biorisk Advisory Council (GBAC). Our entire campus continues to hold GBAC STAR™ accreditation, the gold standard for our industry. Additionally, MPEA/McCormick Place instituted a vaccination policy for MPEA and McCormick Place workers last fall.

Finally, we recognize that the last two years have been exceptionally challenging for the meeting and events industry. We appreciate your partnership and understand that these measures present new challenges and changes. Our team stands with you and will do everything we can to make this as seamless as possible.

Again, thank you for your partnership. We will continue to share updates; however, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions. We wish you a healthy and prosperous new year.

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