

COVID TESTING FAQ's

What test will be required to attend the conference?

Acceptable COVID-19 tests are limited to:

1. A polymerase chain reaction (PCR) which must have been administered within **72** hours of **checking in** at the registration booth
2. A Rapid Antigen Test which must have been administered within **24** hours of **checking in** at the registration booth

When do I need to take my test before attending the conference?

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests need to be administered within 72 hours of checking in at the registration booth. PCR test results often take 24-48 hours to receive back. Some tests take a full 72 hours, so please plan ahead.

Antigen tests or rapid tests need to be administered within 24 hours of checking in at the registration booth. You can often get antigen test results back within 15 minutes to an hour.

How do I know if the test I purchased will be documented?

It must specifically state on the test box that there is an app available to show documented results. It is the responsibility of the attendee to ensure the test taken is a documented test.

What documentation is required?

A testing agency or healthcare provided certificate with the date and time of the test as well as a negative result.

Attendees need to provide documentation (digital or paper) that indicates the attendee's name, the date the test was administered, the kind of test administered, the location of the test (if possible), and the negative test result.

Attendees using an at-home Rapid Antigen Test should use tests that are connected to a smartphone application and are capable of producing this documentation. Examples include, but are not limited to:

iHealth COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test, BinaxNOW with the NAVICA App, BD Veritor AtHome COVID-19 Digital Test and the Scanwell App, On/Go COVID Self-Test, and Ellume COVID19 Home test.

Attendees using Rapid Antigen Tests should take care to obtain tests that can produce sufficient documentation. The Wisconsin Arborist Association is not responsible for attendees who use the wrong product.

Pictures of the rapid antigen or PCR tests are **not acceptable**. Physically bringing tests, swabs or testing components to the conference registration booth are **not acceptable**.

Can I take a test at registration?

No. We will not be administering tests at registration, nor will we be accepting physical tests as proof as negative covid results. We will only accept digital or paper copies of the documentation laid out above.

What if I am a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID?

Please reference the most current CDC guidelines. A summary of guidelines are listed in orange below.

“If you are not up to date on vaccinations: **Quarantine for at least 5 days.** Stay home and quarantine for at least 5 full days. Wear a well-fitted mask if you must be around others in your home.

Get tested. Even if you don’t develop symptoms, get tested at least 5 days after you last had close contact with someone with COVID-19”

After quarantine:

Watch for symptoms. Watch for symptoms until 10 days after you last had close contact with someone with COVID-19.

If you develop symptoms: Isolate immediately and get tested. Continue to stay home until you know the results. Wear a well-fitted mask around others

If you are up to date on vaccinations: You do not need to stay home **unless** you develop symptoms.

Get tested. Even if you don’t develop symptoms, get tested at least 5 days after you last had close contact with someone with COVID-19.

Watch for symptoms. Watch for symptoms until 10 days after you last had close contact with someone with COVID-19.

If you develop symptoms: Isolate immediately and get tested. Continue to stay home until you know the results. Wear a well-fitted mask around others”

What if I have recently recovered from COVID?

If you are still testing positive due to a recent infection, you will need a note from your doctor to verify you are clear to attend. You must still have a documented negative result or a doctor’s note indicating you are clear to attend.

Where can I get a test?

There are numerous community-based testing sites that attendees can receive both rapid antigen and/or PCR tests; most local pharmacies have testing available by appointment and in many cases by walk/or drive up including CVS, Rite Aid, Walmart and Walgreens.

You can also follow this link for testing in your area, including an interactive map and a list by county:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/community-testing.htm>

Attendees may also use at home rapid tests within 24 hours of attending IF they are connected to a smartphone application and are capable of producing necessary documentation. Examples include but are not limited to, iHealth COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test, BinaxNOW with the NAVICA App, BD Veritor AtHome COVID-19 Digital Test and the Scanwell App, On/Go COVID Self-Test, and Ellume COVID19 Home test.

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What if I do not have the results in time for the conference?

If you do not have results in time to attend, your in-person registration will be transferred to the virtual option. You will still be responsible for your hotel/lodging cancellation and any fees associated with cancellation. If you receive your results after the start of the conference, you may not attend the in-person event until your results are in and can be verified.

There are numerous community-based testing sites available in Green Bay where someone can obtain rapid testing. Short notice availability may be limited, however, and the WAA does not guarantee the availability to these sites in a timely manner. It is the responsibility of the attendee to make any necessary arrangements.

How will results/documentation be verified at the conference?

Tables will be set up near the registration booth to complete screening. You will receive a badge pass at that time.

If I am vaccinated, do I still need a test?

Yes. A negative test is required regardless of vaccination status.

I do not want to get a test or am unable to get a test. What are my options?

The WAA has a virtual option for members to participate!

If you have further questions or need clarification, please contact Nathan Schuettpelz, WAA President at president@waa-isa.org