Health and Safety at the 2022 Sustainability Symposium – 3/9/2022

The 2022 Sustainability Symposium is set for May 6 and we are looking forward to welcoming everyone either in-person at The Navy Yard in Philadelphia or virtually as the event is live streamed. The health and safety of all attendees is our top priority and we have implemented in-person guidelines and policies to support a safe experience. Every attendee is asked to comply with the following protocols. We continually review and update these guidelines in accordance with public health recommendations and in collaboration with our venue partners and will post protocol updates to this page.

Vaccination Requirement:
All attendees are required to show proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 prior to admittance to the conference. Be sure to bring proof of vaccination status and a photo ID. “Fully vaccinated” means that you must have received your final vaccination dose by April 21, 2022 which is two weeks before the event. Acceptable vaccines include:

- Any COVID-19 vaccine authorized for emergency use or approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA): Pfizer/BioNTech, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson/Janssen
- Any active COVID-19 vaccine used during a U.S.-based clinical trial: Novavax

All other COVID-19 vaccines, including Sputnik V, Sputnik Light, Covaxin, and Sinopharm-WIBP are not acceptable. Mixed COVID-19 vaccine schedules of authorized vaccines to establish full vaccination status are acceptable.

Face Coverings:
Attendees are asked to wear masks in the official event space when not eating, drinking, or presenting. Acceptable face coverings must fit properly and snugly, fully covering your nose and mouth, and secure under your chin. Face coverings with exhalation valves, bandanas, and neck gaiters are not permitted.

Social Distancing:
Stickers will be provided at the registration tables that you can add to your badge to indicate if you prefer for attendees to maintain physical distance from you. Please be conscious and respectful of other attendees' preferences regarding social distancing.

Health & Safety Acknowledgement:
Please be advised that a risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any event or public space, including the Sustainability Symposium. By attending the Sustainability Symposium, you acknowledge this inherent risk and, as a condition of entering the conference venue, you acknowledge, understand and confirm each of the following in accordance with applicable health guidelines:

- You will abide by all our health-and-safety requirements and that you are fully vaccinated.
- You are not currently experiencing any of the following symptoms of COVID-19, as identified at CDC.gov, including, but not limited to: 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.
- You have not been in contact with someone with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 symptoms without completing a 14-day quarantine and you are not under any self-quarantine orders.
- Please do not enter Penn State at The Navy Yard if you cannot confirm all of the above criteria.
- If you decide not to attend the Sustainability Symposium due to concerns about COVID-19, you may virtually attend the event via our live stream.
- As it has been the case for the past 18 months, the situation is changing constantly and the guidelines are fluid. Please be patient with all of us event organizers, facility partners, and your fellow event participants, and please operate with kindness and understanding. We will continue to evaluate what is best for event participants to ensure we meet safely and that every attendee and member of the staff and service communities are comfortable.