



Dear ASTE Conference Attendees,

On behalf of the Conference Planning Committee, we want to provide an ASTE Conference 2022, Greenville, SC, update. The conference is only two weeks away!

First, we understand that there are concerns over COVID and travel, and we want to highlight what is in place for our conference. Please remember that due to the costs of setting up the conference, ASTE cannot issue refunds.

- Everyone is required to be vaccinated (42*chat confirmed) or have a negative COVID test (42*chat confirmed) before the conference begins.
- There will be mask signage and wearing masks is required (everyone is asked to be masked at all times unless eating and to provide distance between members as much as possible).
- If you are unable to travel, we can move your registration to virtual, and it is possible that your presentation could be a virtual poster.

More helpful conference 2022 information:

- A few volunteers to staff the registration desk are still needed especially on January 7th - sign up at <https://docs.google.com/.../1J1ITD-ZhiEp.../edit...>
- For the airport shuttle, call the HYATT hotel directly at 864-235-1234, press 0, then ask to make shuttle arrangements. We highly recommend calling at least 7 days prior to arrival as shuttles are on a first-come, first-served basis.

- VisitGreenville will set up a table with materials for us. This includes an iDeal opportunity for discounts with your conference badge and the iDeals brochure.
- During the conference, we hope to have a slide show on Saturday of pictures from the conference. If you want to send pictures from sessions you attend or workshops you lead, you can send them to Michael.Svec@furman.edu.
- Some participants may need a negative COVID test before returning. The CVS located 3 blocks from the hotel (35 S. Main street, 29601) does testing. You need to make an appointment online at [cvs.com](https://www.cvs.com). You use the drive-up window to take the test.

Clearly, everyone needs to make the best decision for themselves regarding travel in light of what is happening in their space and the outside world, but we hope that you can join us.

It could be a difficult decision, but ASTE is committed to providing the highest level of COVID compliance at the conference. Feel free to reach out to Andrea Burrows, Conference Planning Committee Chair, with any questions - Andrea.Burrows@uwyo.edu.

Warmest wishes and happy holidays!