

Expanding Your Horizons at Berkeley 2022 COVID Safety Policy

The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of the COVID safety policy and safeguards for the UC Berkeley Expanding Your Horizons conference on March 12, 2022.

All attendees, guardians, and volunteers to the EYH conference must comply with UC Berkeley's campus access policy which is in accordance with Cal/OSHA, CDPH, UCOP, CDC and city of Berkeley guidance. Please see <https://coronavirus.berkeley.edu/campus-access/> for more information.

We are actively monitoring the recent surge in cases due to the omicron variant and will follow Cal/OSHA, CDPH, UCOP, CDC, WHO, and city of Berkeley rules and regulations and update our policy as necessary to ensure a safe event. In the case that we decide an in-person conference is unsafe or in the case that attendees are not able to attend the conference, we will provide an abbreviated virtual experience to include at-home workshops for students.

We encourage anyone who is not able to attend the conference this year to check out last year's virtual workshops at <https://eyh.berkeley.edu/girlwkshps.html> and discuss what you learn with your parents, teachers, and friends. Keep being curious and trying new things!

Vaccination

In light of the current COVID-19 surge, vaccinations will be required for the 2022 conference.

Vaccinations will be required for ALL attendees, of all ages. Booster shots are required for those eligible. Proof of vaccination must be provided at check in.

All attendees must be fully vaccinated two weeks prior to the conference date on March 12, 2022. Therefore all attendees must have received 2 doses of Pfizer-BioNTech (5+ years old) or Moderna (18+ years) or 1 dose of Johnson & Johnson's Janssen (18+ years) by **February 26, 2022**.

Vaccine boosters: All attendees, volunteers, workshop leaders, and event coordinators (18+ years) must comply with the UC [booster requirements](#), summarized here:

- All volunteers (18+) must have received a booster shot if they are eligible prior to the conference: [booster eligibility guidelines](#)
- If you got the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, you're eligible for a booster five months after your last shot. If you got the Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine, you're eligible two months after you got the shot.

Face Coverings

All attendees, guardians, and volunteers must comply with campus policies regarding face coverings, located here: <https://coronavirus.berkeley.edu/face-coverings/>.

All conference attendees must wear a face covering in accordance with the above guidelines at all times while indoors, and this policy will be strictly enforced. Face coverings must comply with the guidelines for acceptable face coverings according to the above guidelines.

Face coverings will not be required while outside and while actively eating lunch, which will be outside. We do recommend that face coverings be worn outdoors as well if not social distancing. Please see the section titled 'Lunch' for more information.

Volunteers

All volunteers, including student volunteers, workshop leaders, and event coordinators, are required to comply with UC Berkeley policy for face coverings, vaccinations, and symptom screeners.

Student volunteers and workshop leaders will be required to show proof of vaccination for COVID-19 or show a green clearance badge through UC Berkeley, which demonstrates compliance with UC Berkeley vaccination and booster requirements.

Check-in

Conference check-in will be outdoors in the breezeway at the **Genetics and Plant Biology Building**. For the safety of our attendees and volunteers, face coverings that are in accordance with UC Berkeley policy will be worn by all check-in volunteers and will be required by all conference attendees and guardians during check in. Check in will be divided into groups based on last name.

During check in, all volunteers and attendees will need to verbally respond to a symptom screener.

Please indicate when registering for the conference if the attendee requires special accommodations. To ensure we are able to facilitate any accommodation requests, please notify us of your accommodation by Feb 26, 2022.

Keynote address

The Keynote address will be held indoors in four large auditoriums, and the attendees will be split into 4 groups (approximately 100 students per group). Attendees will be asked to leave empty seats as space allows. Face coverings will be required at all times. Attendees will be asked to fill the auditorium seats in an orderly fashion and will be dismissed in small groups.

Lunch

Lunch will be held outdoors in staggered groups. Attendees will be required to wear a face covering while waiting to receive their bagged lunch from the table. Attendees will be encouraged to spread out before removing their mask to eat and drink. Hand sanitizer will be provided.

Workshops

Conference workshops will be held indoors in small classrooms with a limited number of attendees. In accordance with university policy, all attendees must wear a face covering at all times while indoors. Attendees will be asked to leave empty desks and seats between each other as space allows.

Parents workshop

All attendees to the parents workshop will be required to show proof of compliance with the above vaccination policy. Attendees must be fully vaccinated by Feb 26, 2022 and must have received a booster shot by Feb 26, 2022 if they are eligible.

CA Notify

All guardians, attendees, and volunteers are strongly encouraged to enroll in CA Notify: <https://canotify.ca.gov/>