



LIVING RARE, LIVING STRONGER®

NORD® PATIENT AND FAMILY FORUM

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ONSITE HEALTH AND SAFETY

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All guidelines posted here are subject to change at any time prior to the start of the Living Rare, Living Stronger NORD Patient & Family Forum. These guidelines are made for the best interest of those living with rare diseases, some of whom may be immunocompromised.

We are excited to welcome you to Washington, DC for the Living Rare Forum on Friday, May 5, 2023, and Saturday, May 6, 2023.

HEALTH AND SAFETY OVERVIEW

Attendees should be aware that while every effort will be made to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission, it is possible that attendees of the Living Rare Forum will encounter people in airports, on public transportation, and in other public areas with individuals who could potentially carry the virus.

At this time, **ALL attendees of the Living Rare Forum must:**

- **Be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 prior to arrival in Washington, DC and show their COVID-19 vaccination card when picking up their registration badge at the NORD registration desk at the conference venue; OR**
- **Show proof of a negative COVID-19 rapid antigen or PCR test (taken within 48 hours of arrival to the conference venue) when picking up their registration badge at the NORD registration desk at the conference venue.**

If you cannot or choose not to comply with NORD's health and safety protocols, we hope you will transfer your registration to participate in the conference virtually or watch session recordings that will be made available following the conference.

It is mandatory for ALL persons within the meeting and event spaces to wear a face mask covering BOTH their nose and mouth at all times, except while eating during a mealtime or when presenting on stage, while indoors. This includes attendees and all accompanying persons above the age of two (2).

By attending the Living Rare Forum in person, you are confirming that you:

- Are fully vaccinated (with proof of vaccination) or can show a negative rapid antigen or PCR COVID-19 test (taken within 48 hours of arrival at the conference venue) when picking up your registration badge at NORD registration;
- Are not experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov);
- Are not under any self-quarantine orders; and
- Acknowledge and will abide by all applicable regulations and health and safety protocols.

OFFICIAL NATIONAL/STATE GUIDELINES

Per CDC guidelines, you are considered fully vaccinated two (2) weeks after your second dose in a two-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines) or two (2) weeks after the single-dose (J&J/Janssen vaccine).

Booster shots are [strongly recommended by the CDC](#) if it has been more than two (2) months after completing the primary COVID-19 vaccination series or an original booster. NORD is committed to maintaining the health and safety of all Living Rare Forum attendees. The latest [CDC](#) and [World Health Organization](#) (WHO) guidelines and industry best practices will be followed as closely as possible. NORD will be coordinating with Renaissance Washington, DC to actively monitor local conditions and adjust requirements accordingly. [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) and [World Health Organization](#) (WHO) guidelines and industry best practices will be followed as closely as possible. NORD will be coordinating with Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown Hotel to actively monitor local conditions, risk factors, and any applicable laws, regulations, and guidance.

As these factors are frequently changing, this page will continue to be updated as new guidance is released.

ADDITIONAL NORD GUIDELINES

Registration

- Please plan to [register](#) well in advance to reserve your spot!
- In-person attendees who plan to show a negative COVID-19 rapid antigen or PCR test at registration, please bring proof of the negative test result (with the test having been taken within 48 hours of arrival to the conference venue) when picking up your registration badge at the NORD registration desk at the conference venue.
- In-person attendees who plan to show their proof of COVID-19 vaccination, please bring your COVID-19 vaccination card when picking up your registration badge at NORD registration.

Testing

- NORD is unable to provide resources for on-site COVID-19 testing on arrival or prior to departure for attendees. Please take your COVID-19 rapid antigen or PCR test 48 hours prior to your arrival at the Living Rare Forum.
- NORD is not able to provide COVID-19 testing. You are required to make your own arrangements.
- For information on testing locations, contact your state or local government, or your health care provider to determine the options available for testing in your area.

Venue and Hotel

- The Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown Hotel will be monitoring the CDC, WHO, and local health department's guidelines. Please visit the hotel [website](#) for detailed information about the steps they are taking to protect meeting attendees.

Masks

- At this time, the wearing of protective masks that cover the nose and mouth is required of all attendees, faculty, and staff, regardless of whether it is required by law at the time of the meeting. Attendees who are not properly masked will be refused admittance to sessions and events and may have their badges revoked.
- The indoor mask requirement applies to all NORD meeting spaces in the Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown Hotel.
- While surgical masks and additional cloth masks will be provided on site, attendees are welcome to bring their own mask of choice.
 - Surgical, N95, and KN95 masks are strongly preferred.
 - Gaiters, bandanas, and masks with exhalation valves will not be accepted.
- Masks must be worn properly (always covering both mouth and nose) while indoors, except as noted below:
 - When actively eating or drinking during a mealtime. *
 - When speaking on stage (as the distance between the speaker and audience will be greater than six [6] feet). Speakers should put their masks back on when not actively presenting.
 - When being photographed or interviewed on camera by registered media or staff. *

*PLEASE NOTE: Attendees should maintain a distance of at least six (6) feet from others when unmasked in the above-mentioned situations if possible. Food and beverages will only be permitted in designated areas.

Hand Sanitizer

- Hand sanitizing stations will be available in multiple locations throughout the Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown Hotel for all attendees to use.

Health and Safety in the District of Columbia

- Please refer to the District of Columbia's [COVID-19 webpage for the most up-to-date information](#) about requirements for traveling to DC.

Individual Accountability

- By choosing to attend any in-person component of an event, you agree to comply with all safety protocols that NORD or the venues may have in place. This is to ensure everyone is cared for and met in a way that respects their health needs to the extent possible.
- To preserve a safe environment, should any participant fail to comply with such protocols, NORD may take immediate steps including, but not limited to, denial of entrance to the event or removal of the non-compliant participant from the event space. Unless otherwise determined by NORD in its sole discretion, any participant who is denied access/entrance to or removed from an event based on this policy will not be eligible for a refund of any registration fees paid for access/entrance to or participation in the event.