

## **2022 Gentle Teaching International Conference COVID-19 Information**

The health and safety of all visitors to 2022 Gentle Teaching International Conference remains our top priority. We are closely monitoring government mandates and policy changes and local and venue guidelines along with public health announcements. As information pertaining to the virus continues to develop, we will adjust our approach as needed and keep you up to date with new developments to ensure a coordinated effort and a safe environment for all GTI 2022 conference attendees.

### **COVID-19 Vaccinations**

The Gentle Teaching International Conference 2022 will continue to follow state, local and venue requirements, including requirements to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination. As information pertaining to COVID-19 requirements is ever evolving, we will continue to update as needed based on state, local and venue requirements.

The Gentle Teaching International Conference 2022 is being held in Ann Arbor, MI **where as of July 25, 2022, proof of vaccination is not required to enter indoor venues.**

### **Face Coverings**

We will continue to follow [state and local guidelines](#). In Ann Arbor, Michigan as of July 25, 2022, face masks are not required while in most public indoor settings. At the Gentle Teaching International Conference, face masks will be optional and individuals will be able to wear a mask if they choose. Face masks will be available in the registration area for conference participants.

### **Hand Sanitizer Stations**

We will have hand washing facilities and/or sanitizing systems easily accessible to everyone throughout the event.

### **No Contact Policy**

To assist in minimizing potential physical contact, elbow bumps are a great alternative to handshakes.

### **Social Distancing**

Social distancing and frequent hand washing/sanitation is strongly encouraged.

### **Screening**

Conference attendees, exhibitors, vendors, and speakers will be required to participate in a wellness check before they receive their event badge. Everyone will be asked the

following questions before they will receive their badge and gain entry into the conference:

In the past 24 hours, have you experienced COVID-19 symptoms?

Have you or people whom you have close contact with, like someone who lives in your house, a relative, a friend, or a co-worker:

Tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days OR

Had any COVID-19 symptoms in the last 14 days?

Rapid COVID-19 test kits will also be available to conference participants upon request.

### **Hotel Protocols**

The Gentle Teaching International Conference 2022 is being held at the Kensington Hotel in Ann Arbor, MI. There are hand sanitizing stations throughout the hotel and banquet areas. Hotel rooms will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized prior to arrival. During your stay, housekeeping staff will not be entering rooms to clean, unless upon request. Guests can ask for additional items to be brought to their rooms.

### **Conference Policies**

- The Gentle Teaching International Conference will strictly follow COVID-19 safety procedures as outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, along with any other governing Federal or local government agency overseeing the venue site.
- During your attendance at Gentle Teaching International Conference, you will be required to support our COVID-19 Safety Measures, and strictly follow our COVID-19 policies and procedures. These policies and procedures may be modified at any time in advance of or during the Gentle Teaching International Conference.

### **Waiver of Lawsuit/Release of Liability:**

COVID-19 WARNING, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION FOR ATTENDING THE GENTLE TEACHING INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN.

### **WARNING RELATED TO COVID-19 INFECTION**

- The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic and is very contagious.
- COVID-19 can cause serious and potentially life-threatening illness and even death.
- The Gentle Teaching International Conference has taken and will continue to take all reasonable precautions to prevent against the presence and spread of the disease but cannot and does not guarantee against exposure; and therefore, in choosing to attend the GTI Conference you acknowledge that you are assuming a risk that you may be exposing yourself to COVID-19 and its potential health risks.

### **ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

- I have read and understand the above warning concerning COVID-19. I acknowledge that attending the GTI Conference is of value to me and that I accept the risk of being exposed to COVID-19 in order to attend. Therefore, I choose to accept the risk of exposure to COVID-19 and I agree that I am personally responsible for my safety and actions while attending the GTI Conference.

### **WAIVER OF LAWSUIT/ RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

- I, for myself, my family, successors, and assigns hereby forever release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue Gentle Teaching International or MORC, Inc., its board of directors, board members, officers, agents, servants, affiliates, employees, successors, and assigns (collectively the “Released Parties”) from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever, directly or indirectly arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me related to COVID-19 while participating in any activity associated with the Gentle Teaching International Conference.

### **INDEMNIFICATION**

- I agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Released Parties from and against any and all costs, expenses, damages, claims, lawsuits, judgments, losses, and/or liabilities (including attorney fees) arising either directly or indirectly from or related to any and all claims made by or against any of the Released Parties due to bodily injury, death, loss of use, monetary loss, or any other injury from or related to my attendance at the Gentle Teaching International Conference specifically related to COVID-19.