



## NLGI 2021 ANNUAL MEETING COVID-19 INFORMATION

NLGI is pleased to be moving forward with its in-person annual meeting September 27 – 30, 2021 in Tucson, AZ. NLGI prioritizes the health and safety of all attendees, staff, and partners by respecting and complying with hotel, local, state, and federal COVID-19 restrictions, mandates, guidelines, and protocols. Given the evolving nature of the pandemic (including the spread of the Delta variant), NLGI will continue to monitor actively any changes in these restrictions, mandates, guidelines, and protocols, and we reserve the right to implement other measures to ensure optimal health and safety conditions in all environments where in-person interactions take place during the annual meeting.

The NLGI Leadership asks for your continued support, flexibility, cooperation and understanding as we move forward to present a safe and successful event. Attendees' commitment to act responsibly with respect to their own health and the health of others at the annual meeting will be critical to its success.

***Attendees, staff, and partners should stay home and should not attend the NLGI annual meeting if they have tested positive for COVID-19, are awaiting their COVID-19 test results, have COVID-19 symptoms, or of they have been in close contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 or who has symptoms of COVID-19.***

### **NLGI COVID-19 Protocols:**

At this time, NLGI is implementing the following COVID-19 safety and wellness measures:

- Hand sanitizing stations will be provided in, or adjacent to, the meeting and function spaces.
- The Hotel currently requires each person, regardless of vaccination status, to wear a face mask always covering his or her mouth and nose when indoors except when eating, drinking, or taking medicines. To the extent that Hotel modifies its face mask requirement, or NLGI is allowed to relax the requirement in meeting and session rooms, such changes will be communicated to all attendees. While face masks currently are not required for outdoor events and activities, wearing face masks at such events and activities is a personal

decision. Further, if you have any concerns with wearing a face mask indoors for possibly extended periods of time, please consider staying home.

- Physically distance (at least three (3) feet) from other people whenever possible.
- Follow directional signage and other unique visual cues (*e.g.*, signs, tape and floor decals,) regarding entering and exiting meeting spaces. Following the conclusion of each session, please leave the meeting room as soon as possible using the designated exit.
- Wash your hands frequently with warm, soapy water for at least 20 seconds and/or use hand sanitizer frequently.
- Please be mindful of coughing and sneezing practices to reduce the spread of germs by covering your mouth with tissues whenever you sneeze or cough, and discard used tissues in the trash.
- Do not share pens/pencils/phones.
- Honor other attendees' personal choices regarding masks, distancing, and personal contact.
- NLGI and the Hotel will provide information on nearby rapid COVID-19 testing centers for those attendees who experience symptoms onsite and for those who must show proof of a recent, negative COVID-19 test in order to board their return flights.
- Abide by all Hotel rules/policies.
- Abide by all federal, state and local regulations.

NLGI expects that all attendees, staff, partners, and their guests will conduct daily self-screenings and self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms. During the annual meeting, if you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, or test positive for COVID-19, or are exposed to someone who has COVID-19 symptoms or tested positive for COVID-19, we ask that you promptly notify a NLGI staff member and excuse yourself from events and activities and remain in your room until contacted by a NLGI or Hotel staff member. NLGI and Hotel staff will work with you to determine whether and when it may be appropriate for you to return to events and activities. We encourage you to stay abreast of the latest updates on health and safety protocols for the annual meeting.

While NLGI will make every effort to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission onsite, it is possible that attendees will contact people in airports, transportation vehicles, hotels, restaurants, and other facilities who could possibly carry the coronavirus.

### **Hotel COVID-19 Information:**

In addition to its current face mask requirement, the Hotel is taking steps to ensure the safety and wellness of its guests and staff. As a result, some services may be different than in the past and/or may be limited. For example, gym and workout facilities may be closed and/or limited in hours of operation and number of guests. Valet, spa, and housekeeping services may be limited or unavailable. Food and beverage outlets may be limited, reservations may be required, and capacities may be limited. Please visit the [Hotel's Safety & Well-Being Protocols](#) on a regular basis for updates and additional information.

The Hotel also has implemented cleaning procedures and other health and safety protocols, including those for disinfecting and infection prevention. Please visit the Hotel's website to

learn more about these procedures and protocols, including the cleaning of high touch points, such as door handles, public space furniture, touch screens, and keyboards.

***Please visit the NGLI and Hotel websites on a regular basis for updates and additional information.***

**Meeting Registration Information:**

- During the onsite registration process, you will be asked to sign NLGI's liability waiver that includes COVID-19 protocols and guidelines set forth by NLGI, along with your agreement to abide by them. This liability waiver has been revised, so you will be asked to sign the document, even if you previously completed it online.
- Further, during the onsite registration process, you will be required to complete a confidential COVID-19 symptoms screening document to pick up your badge. This confidential form includes a question on vaccination status. NLGI reserves the right to conduct temperature checks on a case by case basis.
- By registering for the annual meeting, you agree to abide by NLGI and the Hotel's COVID-19 safety protocols and acknowledge that failure to do so may result in expulsion from the annual meeting.
- It is suggested that you carry a copy of your vaccination card or recent COVID-19 test results if proof is requested by any third parties.
- International attendees should check the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website before planning travel to make sure that entry into the U.S. will be permitted.
- Any attendee and guest who tests positive for COVID-19 within 14 days after returning home from the NLGI annual meeting is asked to notify NLGI staff by calling 816-524-2500. Upon receipt of any such notification of a positive, post-meeting COVID-19 test result, and while maintaining the individual's confidentiality, NLGI staff will notify all attendees of their potential exposure to COVID-19 at the annual meeting.
- If you register and then are unable to attend, you will receive a full refund if you cancel your registration prior to August 20, 2021. Beginning August 21, 2021, registrations may be canceled; however, registrants will only receive a 50% refund.
- If the entire event is cancelled by NLGI, full refunds will be issued to all registrants, sponsors, and exhibitors.

If you still have questions, please contact the NLGI office at [nlgi@nlgi.org](mailto:nlgi@nlgi.org) or 816-524-2500.