



Mobilizing Youth Summit COVID-19 Policy

The health and safety of all visitors to the 2022 Mobilizing Youth Summit (MYSummit) is our top priority. We are closely monitoring government mandate policy changes, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) safety guidelines, and recommendations from public health professionals. As information pertaining to COVID-19 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 MYSummit attendees. In keeping with our duty of care and the responsibility as host, Teen Health Mississippi (THMS) has implemented the following safety requirements for the 2022 MYSummit.

Vaccination

While we strongly encourage all attendees who are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine do so, Teen Health Mississippi has decided that participants at the in-person 2022 MYSummit; whether a presenter, attendee, exhibitor, staff, guest, or vendor; is not required to be vaccinated. All individuals, however, will be required to provide documentation of a negative PCR test no more than 72 hours prior to arrival at MYSummit. Individuals who test positive should stay home and cancel their registration.

If any individual is unable to meet this requirement, they are encouraged to register for the 2022 MYSummit Virtual Experience that will offer access to many sessions, including keynote sessions, at the same time as the in-person event.

NOTE: If any person starts to experience symptoms of COVID-19 while on site at MYSummit, rapid testing will be available

Face-Coverings

Masks must be worn in any venue that is considered a conference space (both on-site and off-site venues) for the 2022 MYSummit. The only exception is when participants are actively eating/drinking and when they are in their dorm room by themselves or with only their roommate. All presenters will be required to present with masks on and use provided microphones to amplify sound. Masks must cover both the mouth and nose. We ask that participants honor the requests of others to mask up and/or maintain physical distancing.

Individuals who have a documented disability which precludes the wearing of a mask may request a modification to mask policies. Please contact Alexis Hicks, Director of Youth Engagement and Advocacy at ourstateourvoice@teenhealthms.org to discuss modification(s) to mask policies.

Health 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:

- Are you fully vaccinated?
- 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?

Hand Sanitizer Stations

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

Spacing Measures

Physical distancing practices will be implemented according to all venue, local, and state guidelines.

Physical Contact

To assist in minimizing potential physical contact, elbow bumps or hand waving are great alternatives to handshakes when meeting and greeting people.

Health and Safety Signage

Signage will be placed to remind all attendees to physically distance and frequently wash and sanitize their hands.

Safety Measures at Jackson State University

THMS has put in place a multi-pronged approach designed to meet the health and safety challenges presented by COVID-19 that also aligns with the venue's safety policies and protocols.

COVID-19 Policies

THMS 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, the State of Mississippi, and the City of Jackson.

During the 2022 MYSummit, participants will be required to support THMS's COVID-19 Safety Measures and strictly follow our COVID-19 policies and procedures. These COVID-19 policies and procedures may include, but are not limited to, personal sanitization, mandatory face covering, and physical distancing. These policies and procedures may be modified at any time in advance of or during the 2022 MYSummit.

Release of Liability

COVID-19 Warning

COVID-19 has been declared a worldwide pandemic and is very contagious. COVID-19 can cause serious and potentially life-threatening illnesses and even death. THMS has taken and will continue to take all reasonable precautions to prevent the presence and spread of the disease at the 2022 MYSummit, but cannot and does not guarantee against exposure. Therefore, in choosing to attend the 2022 MYSummit 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

Participants must read and understand the above warning concerning COVID-19. Participants assume the risk of potentially being exposed to COVID-19 in order to attend the 2022 MYSummit and are personally responsible for their safety and actions while attending.

Waiver of lawsuit/ Release of liability

Participants of the 2022 MYSummit hereby forever release and waive THMS, its board of directors, board members, officers, agents, servants, affiliates, and employees (the Release 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 while participating in any activity associated with the 2022 MYSummit.

Indemnification

Participants 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 participating in the 2022 MYSummit.

Teen Health Mississippi is committed to implementing conscious and intentional measures to not only combat COVID-19, but promote healthy best practices that will become the protocol for all events during high- and low-risk time periods alike. THMS will continue to revise our procedures as needed to reflect the current state of the pandemic.