

Goals of this Policy:

- Minimize the risk of participants being exposed to COVID-19 during a Midwest Morris Ale in-person event
- Mitigate the impact of potential exposures to COVID-19 if/when they are identified
- Provide actionable contingency plans for different pandemic scenarios that maximize safety for all participants
- Protect the financial health of the Midwest Morris Ale Association Inc.

I. REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTENDING THE ALE

The event will appoint a COVID czar in charge of managing COVID-related matters, including testing, masking and contact tracing, should that become necessary.

A. Vaccination

The Midwest Morris Ale will require proof of up-to-date vaccination from each person who attends the Ale. This means that each participant will have received all COVID-19 immunization shots they are currently eligible to receive, including the primary series of 1 or 2 shots and any additional booster shots.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html>

Our policy is intentionally flexible to adapt to CDC guidelines as they continue to change.

There are two ways to provide proof of up-to-date vaccination status:

1. Upload a photo of your vaccine record card when you register for the Ale (recommended).
2. Present your vaccine record card (or a copy or digital photo of your card) at check-in when you arrive at the Ale.

We strongly recommend providing your vaccine record ahead of time, to expedite your arrival process at the Ale. If you forget your vaccine record card and are unable to present it at check-in, you will not be permitted to attend the Ale, and we will not be able to provide a refund of your registration fee.

The Midwest Morris Ale will handle all vaccine records (electronic and paper versions) with full confidentiality, as we do with financial and payment information. These records will be deleted from our database after the 2022 Ale.

B. Testing

A negative on-site COVID-19 test result will be required prior to entering the Ale. Because access to testing and test kits can vary depending on a person's geographic location, the Midwest Morris Ale will provide rapid antigen test kits for each registered participant to use at the Ale.

Screening process:

- **Arriving at the Ale.** Each attendee will be asked to take a rapid antigen test at the registration desk prior to entering the Ale site.
 - If a person receives a positive COVID-19 test result when arriving at registration, that person will not be permitted to enter the Ale site, nor will any people who traveled with them in the same vehicle.
 - We will not be able to provide housing for someone who receives a positive test result, nor to their travel companions.
 - **We will not be able to offer a refund to participants who test positive, or to people who traveled to the Ale with them in the same vehicle.**
 - Attendees arriving by plane will be required to take their rapid antigen test at the Madison airport, prior to getting into the airport shuttle.

- **Screening during the Ale.**
 - Each attendee will be asked to take a second rapid antigen test on Saturday between 4 pm and 6 pm.
 - Test results will be reported to the registration desk.
 - If a person receives a positive test result at this time, the Midwest Morris Ale will initiate protocols for a positive test, including isolation if appropriate and a contact tracing interview (see Section V).

C. In addition to the COVID-19 screening provided on-entry and during the Ale, we strongly recommend that people follow these best practices:

- 1) **Before the Ale begins.** We encourage people to:
 - Follow CDC guidelines for safe travel, including staying up-to-date with vaccinations.
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html>
 - Monitor COVID risk in your area, be mindful of masking indoors.
 - Get a COVID-test before traveling to the Ale.
 - Minimize your exposure risk while traveling to the Ale.

- 2) **During the Ale.**
 - We expect all Ale attendees to follow the COVID-19 screening and safety procedures while at the Ale.

3) **Following the Ale.** Traveling to and attending the event will increase your COVID risk. We encourage people to:

- Monitor your own health
- Wear a mask when around others
- If possible, quarantine for a few days following the event
- Before returning to normal activities (work or school outside the home), consider taking a COVID test 3-4 days after the Ale.
- If you receive a positive test result after returning home from the Ale, we encourage you to contact Ale staff so we can notify other Ale attendees about a possible exposure



If you buy your own rapid antigen home test kit, you could take one test before traveling to the Ale, and take the second test in your kit 3-4 days after the Ale.

II. SAFETY MEASURES and PPE

The Midwest Morris Ale will adopt and enforce a mask policy that reflects CDC guidelines **at the time of the event**. The guidelines of the CDC adapt as the COVID-19 situation changes, and the Midwest Morris Ale will abide by CDC guidelines.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>

The Midwest Morris Ale will provide masks for each registered participant to wear during the event. The masks we provide will be in accordance with May 2022 CDC guidelines (as of March 2022, KN-95 or KF-94 masks are recommended, with surgical masks as a second choice). Participants are also encouraged to pack their own masks.

III. REFUNDS

Our refund policy for people who pay the registration fee for the Ale and then decide to cancel will follow these guidelines:

1. Participant decides to cancel for personal reasons.
 - Before April 25, 2022, we can offer a full refund.
 - After April 25, 2022, we cannot offer a refund.
2. COVID-related reasons before the Ale begins
 - If a participant has a COVID-related reason to cancel their registration, such as a roommate or family member receiving a positive test result: before May 20, 2022, we can offer a half refund.

- Participant receives a positive COVID-19 test result BEFORE traveling to the Ale: we can offer a half refund.
3. Participant receives a positive COVID-19 test result during screening at Ale check-in.
- We are unable to provide a refund
 - For participants traveling in the same vehicle as the person who receives a positive test result: these travel companions will not be permitted to attend the Ale, and we cannot offer a refund.

Questions about registration and Covid should be directed to registrar@midwestmorrisale.org

IV. CANCELLATION / CONTINGENCY PLAN

Conditions for cancellation of the in-person 2022 Midwest Morris Ale:

1. Cancellation due to low registration numbers

To make the 2022 Ale financially viable, we need at least 100 people to register.

 - By April 25, 2022. If fewer than 100 people have registered by this date, we will cancel the event.
2. Cancellation due to extenuating COVID-related circumstances
 - If local health authorities prohibit gatherings such as the one we are planning, we will cancel the event. Already-registered participants will be offered refunds.
 - The Board Officers, the Board, and the Organizing Teams will continue to monitor ongoing public health news, and may cancel the event..
 - If we cancel with Bethel Horizons by April 29, 2022, we will receive a full refund, per contract.

V. PROCEDURE FOR POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST RESULT

People who receive a positive test result while at the Ale will confer with the Covid czar or their liaison about additional masking requirements, contact tracing questions, and their next steps, including plans for departing the Ale. The organizing teams will work with the camp to set aside some rooms for people who need to stay in isolation until they depart the camp.

The MWMA Board has authorized the event COVID czar, in cooperation with the Board president, to assist community members who may test positive at the event and suffer undue financial burden because of rapidly changing travel plans or the need to pay for off-site accommodation. Five thousand dollars (\$5000) from the organization's financial aid fund has been set aside for these expenses, should they arise.