

Fall 2021 Transformers Committee Meeting COVID-19 Statement

The Fall 2021 Transformers Committee meeting will be an in-person meeting at the Hyatt Regency in Milwaukee, WI. Understandably some questions have been asked about current COVID-19 protocols in Milwaukee and what, if any, precautions attendees should take. The following is the latest information we have.

A. The City of Milwaukee has lifted most mandatory COVID-19 safety protocols.

- On June 1, 2021, the City of Milwaukee's Moving Milwaukee Forward Health Order expired along with the requirements of Milwaukee's mask ordinance that was in place at that time.
- According to the CDC, fully vaccinated individuals can safely resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing. Those who are not yet vaccinated should continue to wear a mask when in public to keep themselves and those around them safe.
- Masks are no longer required in Milwaukee however businesses can choose to continue to enforce a mask policy.

B. What does this mean for you?

- While in Milwaukee, and specifically while in the hotel and attending meetings, it will be your choice as to whether or not you wear a mask. The Transformers Committee Officers recommend wearing a mask at all times.
- Note that some health experts are recommending that even fully vaccinated individuals should consider wearing a mask when in the presence of other people in order to slow the spread of COVID variants.
- If you are not well, consider staying home.

C. What is the Hotel doing to keep you safe?

- The hotel has advised us that they are follow all current health requirements related to COVID-19 issues. At this time the hotel is operating "business as usual."
- The Transformers Committee will arrange to have a limited number of masks available for those who need one.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in many places throughout our meeting area.
- The hotel is currently only cleaning rooms upon request and will offer cleaning every 4th day of a guest's stay.

D. No Wednesday evening social activity

- In an effort to minimize the need for large group gatherings, there will be no organized social event on Wednesday evening in Milwaukee. Participants are encouraged to make individual decisions regarding their evening social activities. We hope to return to having a group social event at the Spring 2022 meeting.

E. What can you do to help onsite?

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds after blowing your nose, coughing, sneezing, and before eating.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, mouth, and your mask (if you wear one).
- Social distance when possible.
- If you begin to feel sick while at any of the Committee meetings, leave immediately and return to your hotel room. Inform us by email to tc-meetings@ieee.org of your status and if you require any assistance.

Maintaining the safety of all meeting participants is our highest priority and requires a personal commitment by everyone in attendance to abide by the best health-and-safety-beneficial conduct while in attendance.

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Meeting participants are encouraged to frequently check the Transformers Committee website (transformerscommittee.org) for updates and/or new information.