

**HEALTH AND SAFETY RULES**  
**AND PARTICIPANT PLEDGE**  
**ANIMAL CARE EXPO 2023, APRIL 3-6, 2023, NEW ORLEANS, LA**

The Humane Society of the United States (“HSUS”) considers the health and safety of all those who attend Animal Care Expo 2023 (“Expo”) our top priority. The Humane Society of the United States will exercise reasonable efforts to utilize protocols that will comply with or, where legally permissible, exceed any state, local and federal public health requirements and be consistent with then-prevailing public health guidelines as issued by relevant public health entities including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the City of New Orleans Health Department.

**Health and Safety Advisement:**

The World Health Organization has classified the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic. COVID-19 is a highly contagious and dangerous disease. Contact with the virus that causes COVID-19 may result in significant personal injury or death. Participating in person at Expo carries with it certain inherent risks related to COVID-19 transmission and infection that cannot be eliminated, regardless of the care taken to avoid such risks. Even being vaccinated does not completely protect anyone from COVID-19 or one of its variants. By choosing to attend Expo in person, you acknowledge that you are aware that an alternate virtual participation option exists, you accept the inherent risks of participating in Expo in person, and you agree to adhere to required health and safety protocols.

The responsibility for a safe and healthy Expo environment is shared among the HSUS, the venue and every participant. All in-person Expo participants are required to abide by the health and safety protocols HSUS is implementing to protect against the spread of COVID-19. Additional information regarding specific health and safety measures may be communicated to all in-person participants prior to the first day of Expo and could include vaccine requirements, mask requirements, social distancing requirements and testing requirements. HSUS will email registered attendees if/when health safety protocols change; however, participants are responsible for checking for continued updates or changes to these protocols on Expo’s official [Health and Safety web page](#).

*Individuals with disabilities which, prevent compliance with the In-person Participant Health and Safety Rules below should register for the virtual attendance option instead of attending in person. Please contact [expo@humanesociety.org](mailto:expo@humanesociety.org) with any questions.*

**In-person Participant Health and Safety Rules:**

By attending Expo in person, you agree that you will have NOT in the preceding ten (10) days prior to your arrival at Expo:

1. tested positive for COVID-19 or other communicable disease or been identified as a potential carrier of COVID-19 or other communicable disease; or
2. experienced any symptoms commonly associated with COVID-19 (such as cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell) or other communicable disease; or
3. been in direct contact with or the immediate vicinity of (collectively, the “Encounter”) any person who is either confirmed or suspected of being infected with COVID-19 or other communicable disease within the last ten (10) days.

By attending Expo in person, you agree to abide by the following Expo Health and Safety Protocols during your attendance:

1. Provide proof of being fully vaccinated with primary series of COVID-19 vaccine or a negative lab/PCR COVID-19 test taken no more than 72-hours prior to the first date of Expo (paid for at the participant’s expense). Communication will be emailed to participants in advance of Expo on how to submit the required documentation.
2. Masks are strongly recommended indoors.
3. Use hand sanitizer and wash your hands frequently.
4. Follow any physical distancing guidelines.
5. Follow any additional guidance and regulations imposed by the HSUS, regardless of whether federal, state, or local laws dictate the use of these practices. These regulations may become more or less strict at any time between now and the Expo date, due to circumstances beyond HSUS’s control.
6. Should you become ill during or after the Expo you will:
  - a. Immediately report your illness to [expo@humanesociety.org](mailto:expo@humanesociety.org).
  - b. Refrain from further Expo participation and remain in the designated quarantine area or your hotel room until such time that you can return to your home.
  - c. Notify HSUS of other participants you were in proximate contact with.
  - d. Keep HSUS informed of your diagnosis.
7. You understand that if you are refused entrance or are removed from Expo for not following these regulations, your registration fees for Expo may be forfeited.

**In-person Participant Health and Safety Pledge:**

I agree to abide by HSUS’s In-person Participant Health and Safety Rules (above), including abstaining from participating in Expo in-person if I become ill, am exposed to the COVID-19

virus within 10 days prior to Expo, or exhibit any symptoms of the COVID-19 virus prior to Expo. I understand that these rules are subject to change at the sole discretion of HSUS and that my sole remedy in the event that I disagree with these rules is to attend Expo virtually.