

Open Geospatial Consortium COVID Safety Meeting Policy

The Open Geospatial Consortium is committed to providing a safe business environment for all individuals that attend any in-person meeting as we continue to evolve our standards and better integrate technologies across location in the current environment. With this in mind, the organization has created a COVID Safety Meeting Policy beginning on January 1, 2022, to ensure that the health of our community comes first. The organization will follow local, regional, and national guidelines where any meeting is being held.

In addition to the outlined policy, OGC strongly recommends that all event participants thoroughly [read and review the United States Center for Disease Control's COVID Safety recommendations](#) and the [European Union Questions and Answers on COVID-19](#).

Proof of Full Vaccination Status or Negative COVID Test with Photo ID

All individuals attending in-person OGC meetings must provide one of the following two requirements as well as a government-issued photo identification card:

- 1) Proof of vaccination via a government-issued card, paper form, or equivalent electronic record that the OGC event team can use to verify its authenticity. Full vaccination means the required number of doses as per the vaccine provider's recommendation.
- 2) Proof of a negative COVID test 72 hours before the start of the event start time. It must be issued from a licensed medical provider and presented in such paper form or electronic form that the event staff can verify its authenticity. OGC will accept test types that permit entry into the country where the meeting is being held.

The OGC staff will designate an individual at all in-person events that shall maintain a list of names and times of individuals checking into the event during registration. After the event starts, the designated employee will sign the following statement:

“As designated COVID Safety Meeting Policy in-person employee, I have verified that all attendees entering the event have either shown me a negative COVID test taken within 72 hours of the start of the event, or proof of vaccination with a photo ID to verify that they are the same person as listed per said test or vaccination proof.”

The signed statement will then be recorded and sent to OGC's Events Manager in order to maintain such a record in accordance with the above listed policy.

Right to privacy

OGC will not share the names of any individuals who test positive for COVID or who are unable to provide adequate documentation to attend a meeting. Further, OGC will not divulge the vaccination status of any individual.