

## COVID-19 Information

**\*\*These policies and procedures are subject to change as we adapt to the ever-changing health climate\*\***

For the 2022 National Storytelling Festival, we have implemented a number of new safety measures based on the guidance of health officials including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and appropriate government agencies. The safety and well-being of our attendees and employees are our top priorities and guide our decisions. **As such, it is recommended that you get vaccinated and stay up to date on your COVID-19 vaccines.** COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalization, and death.

### Safety Measures We Are Taking

We are monitoring attendance and will cap if necessary.

We have also put additional sanitation and safety protocols in place including additional portable hand washing stations, a significant number of hand sanitizing stations, and an increased frequency of cleaning high touch surfaces. There will also be optional masks available throughout the Festival grounds.

We are requiring that attendees wear masks in the ISC Theater, in accordance with CDC guidelines.

## Guidance for Attendees

### Before the event:

- Get vaccinated! Getting vaccinated now will give you added protection for Festival weekend. If you cannot make it to Jonesborough this year we do have a virtual option available to you.
- Bring your mask; you will need it in the ISC Theater.
- Do not attend the Festival if you have symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea), even if you have been vaccinated.

### At the event:

- Wear a mask while in the ISC Theater.
- If you are at high risk for severe COVID-19, avoid crowded areas of the festival.
- Avoid physical contact with people outside of your party.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water, or with hand sanitizer containing at least 70% alcohol. These items are placed throughout the Festival Grounds.

Any interaction with the general public poses an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19. By attending our event, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure.