

NIA's 65th Annual Convention

Health & Safety Guidelines

We are looking forward to seeing you in October for NIA's 65th Annual Convention. As we prepare to gather, we want to assure you that your safety is our primary focus. NIA will work to provide a safe and healthy environment for all Annual Convention participants and staff.

NIA will observe all applicable requirements imposed by federal, state, or local health and other governmental authorities for the locality in which the Annual Convention is taking place (currently, National Harbor, Maryland). **As of August 25, 2021, Prince George County (location of the Annual Convention) requires guests to wear masks in all indoor public areas and meeting space. The mask mandate applies to all guests, regardless of vaccination status.**

There is currently no local or state restrictions in place in National Harbor, Maryland on the size of gatherings or events, so we are continuing with our plan of holding an in-person event. We will continue to monitor the situation with COVID-19, including the Delta variant, and stand ready to implement increased safety measures if needed. You'll also be updated on any additional protocols added in the coming weeks so that you can plan accordingly.

Here's What You Can Expect:

Annual Convention attendees also are expected to follow the safety precautions NIA is implemented as is stated and indicated by federal, state, and local laws to help protect against the spread of COVID-19. These safety precautions may include, but are not limited to, social distancing, where applicable; the use of masks/face coverings, as appropriate; personal hygiene and hand sanitization; and self-monitoring and self-reporting of symptoms associated with COVID-19 infections. These precautions are outlined in further detail below.

Vaccination. All attendees who are eligible for vaccination are encouraged to be vaccinated prior to traveling to the Annual Convention.

No attendance with COVID-19 symptoms. Regardless of vaccination status, you should not attend the NIA Annual Convention if you are experiencing, or within the 10 days prior to the Annual Convention, have experienced, signs and symptoms of COVID-19. You also should not attend the NIA Annual Convention if you believe that you may have been exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 within the 10 days prior to the Annual Convention or have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and are not yet cleared as non-contagious by state or local public health authorities or the health care team responsible for your treatment. In addition, Annual Convention attendees should self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 during and immediately following the event, and are asked to contact NIA at events@insulation.org if they experience symptoms of COVID-19 within 10 days after participating in the Annual Convention. Any private health or personal data that may be voluntarily sent to and received by

NIA in connection with such measures and precautions will be treated as confidentially as possible.

On-site precautions. Once on site, NIA requests that all Annual Convention attendees regularly and thoroughly wash or sanitize their hands throughout the day, observe social distancing guidelines where applicable. Based on current guidelines and local restrictions, attendees must wear a face mask in all indoor public spaces and in NIA's meeting space. To assist attendees in complying with the above, the following will be provided:

- Disposable masks will be provided at the registration desk for those who did not bring a mask with them. All attendees are required to wear a mask while indoors (including NIA's meeting space).
- Hand Sanitizer stations will be positioned throughout the hotel and meeting spaces for your convenience.

To maintain social distancing, we encourage "air" hugs and fist bumps for when we get together.

Additional precautionary measures or safeguards may be announced prior to the Annual Convention in accordance with federal, state, and local health regulations and guidance.

For the most up-to-date information please visit www.insulation.org/convention2021.