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**Updated Safety Protocols for the  
Second Regular Session of the 73rd General Assembly**

The following are the updated safety protocols for the Second Regular Session of the 73rd General Assembly. In light of the downward trend in COVID-19 cases across the state, these protocols have been updated and are effective as of **February 28, 2022**. All who are participating in session in person at the Capitol Complex are strongly encouraged to follow these protocols. Members should consult with their caucus leadership, and legislative staff may consult with their direct supervisors, if they have questions or concerns.

**General Safety Protocols**

- Masks are available to all who attend the session in person. It is encouraged that masks be worn at all times while in the Capitol or anywhere in the Capitol Complex. Legislative staff, the press, and the public are encouraged to wear masks while in House and Senate space, including chamber floors, galleries, lobbies, and committee rooms and hallways. Members of the public, press, lobbyists, staff, and members can request a mask at the testing site adjacent to the south entrance to the Capitol. Legislators and staff can get a mask at the front desks of the House and Senate chambers.
- Anyone experiencing COVID-19 symptoms (including fever, chills, sore throat, cough, shortness of breath, headache, congestion, runny nose, muscle aches, loss of taste or smell, nausea, and fatigue) should not come to the Capitol Complex.
- Everyone in the building is asked to wash their hands frequently, especially before and after meetings, floor work, upon entering the building and leaving, etc. Hands should be washed for at least 20 seconds with soap and water. Hand sanitizer will be placed in the chambers, committee rooms, and in public areas.

- It is recommended that everyone practice social distancing while in the Capitol Complex, staying a minimum of 6 feet away from others when possible.
- While present in space controlled by the General Assembly pursuant to C.R.S. 2-2-321, members of the public are subject to all executive orders issued by Governor Polis and any public health orders issued by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment due to COVID-19.
- CDPHE recommends that anyone participating in the session in person turn on CO Exposure Notifications on their cell phone.<sup>1</sup>

### **Remote Participation**

- Lobbyists and the public may enter the Capitol during the session. However, to the greatest extent possible, we encourage engagement during the session to occur remotely. Additional opportunities to participate in committee hearings remotely through submitting written testimony are available. The options for providing remote testimony during the entirety of the 2022 session will continue to be made available.
- Staff should consult with their supervisors to determine whether they are able to conduct their work remotely. Any staff who come into the building during the session, even briefly, should follow the testing regimen described below.
- Members are still authorized to allow their aides to work remotely.

### **Testing**

- Everyone who attends the session in person should participate in a serial testing regimen throughout the session. CDPHE recommends that even those who have been vaccinated or who have already had COVID-19 should still undergo regular testing.
- For those in the lobby, public, and press who choose to attend session in person, rapid COVID testing is strongly encouraged prior to entering the building. Testing will be offered daily in the parking lot adjacent to the South entrance of the Capitol. Members, legislative staff, and aides will have access to self-administered rapid antigen testing kits that will enable them to test for COVID-19 twice each week at regular intervals immediately prior to entering the Capitol Complex. Members, legislative staff, and aides are also welcome to utilize the testing station at the South entrance.
- Self-administered rapid antigen tests are available for pick-up to members, staff, and aides at the Capitol. Each test takes approximately 15 minutes.
- Individuals who receive a positive rapid antigen test result should immediately leave the Capitol, obtain a PCR test as soon as possible, and remain at home until the PCR test results are received.

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<sup>1</sup> Per CDPHE, people can use the CO Exposure Notifications service to anonymously alert their close contacts, including people they do not know but with whom they were in close contact. If you have CO Exposure Notifications installed or enabled on your phone, you can upload your positive test directly using the self-report feature. To self-report, users have the option within the Exposure Notifications service to request a verification code for their positive tests. Once a user's phone is validated, the state sends an SMS with a verification code to submit their positive case within Exposure Notifications. The user can tap the included link to alert others of a potential exposure. Only other people with CO Exposure Notifications installed on their phone can receive an exposure notification, so not all of your close contacts will be notified this way. When possible, alert your close contacts about their exposure as soon as you are able, so they know to quarantine and get tested. You can find more information here: <https://www.addyourphone.com/>

- Positive PCR test results should be immediately reported to the appropriate local public health authority, which can be found here: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/public-information/find-your-local-public-health-agency>
- Please refer to CDC guidance below regarding what to do in the event of a positive test result.

### Committee Rooms

- During committee hearings, members are encouraged to maintain social distancing and wear their masks for the duration of the committee hearing.
- Members of the public and the lobby are strongly encouraged to participate remotely whenever possible, including through the electronic submission of written testimony or remote testimony.
- Members of the public and the lobby may submit written testimony on any bill from the time the bill is scheduled until the committee takes action on the bill.
- Remote testimony is available through the Colorado General Assembly website.
- Members of the public, lobbyists, and staff who participate in committee hearings in person are encouraged to wear a mask for the duration of the committee hearing and maintain social distancing while in the audience.
- Individuals providing testimony in person must register to testify by filling out an electronic form, rather than a paper sheet. The form will be available one hour before the scheduled start time of the bill hearing.

### House and Senate Chambers


- Members are encouraged to wear their masks when in the chambers, including when seated at their desks.
- If removing a mask or not wearing it at certain points, members should always be considerate of their surroundings and honor the requests of others to maintain social distance or put their mask back on.
- All guests and staff in the chambers are encouraged to wear masks.
- Guests will be permitted on the floor on a case by case basis with permission of leadership.
- Aides will be allowed on the House and Senate floors when doing work for their Representative or Senator but are requested to observe the House and Senate proceedings otherwise from the gallery or their offices.

**Please refer to and follow current CDC recommendations in the event of exposure or positive test result.**

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