



Code of Conduct & Liability Policies

A code of conduct is a collection of rules and regulations that include what is and is not acceptable or expected behavior. The Journalism Education Association and National Scholastic Press Association offer the following guidelines and outlined steps that can be implemented to provide as safe an environment as possible when meeting in person.

Responsibility is shared equally among event organizers, the event venues and the event attendees – all have a role to play.

JEA and NSPA require proof of vaccination and a COVID Code of Conduct agreement completed prior to the workshop. We also strongly recommend a negative test result within 72 hours of the start of the conference.

Before leaving home:

- To attend this workshop, you must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. If you are not fully vaccinated, you may not attend. Full vaccination is defined as having two Moderna or Pfizer shots, or one Johnson & Johnson shot at least two weeks prior to the event.
- JEA and NSPA also encourage a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours before the start of the convention. The test is subject to local availability.
- Follow relevant guidance provided by the World Health Organization, the local health authority, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- Adhere to government travel restrictions and guidance issued by the region you will be traveling to and the region you are traveling from.
- Evaluate your own health and that of people you are in close contact with. Contact your local organizers if you have concerns.
- Pack a clean mask for each day you'll be at the convention including travel days.

As you prepare to travel:

Stay home if you feel sick. Do not travel. Full refunds are available through April. 7.

Based upon CDC guidelines, and regardless of your vaccination status, you should not travel if you experience these symptoms — fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.

On site during the event:

- JEA and NSPA will have designated COVID compliance officers on site, and the convention plans to follow these protocols.
- Masks will be required on site in all shared areas. Attendees must adhere to social-distance protocols put in place by the event organizers and respect others' personal space. Refusal to follow these guidelines will result in dismissal from the convention with no reimbursement of expenses.
- Use everyday preventive actions to help limit the spread of viruses.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or alcohol-based sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing. Throw used tissues in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Go to the convention registration desk any time if you feel unwell or are experiencing flu-like symptoms.

After the event:

If you test positive for COVID-19 up to 14 days after returning home, please contact the meeting/event organizers to advise them of your diagnosis



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Convention Liability Policies

COVID-19 has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is reported to be extremely contagious. People reportedly can be infected and show no symptoms and still spread the disease.

Journalism Education Association and National Scholastic Press Association cannot prevent you from becoming exposed to, contracting or spreading COVID-19 while attending the JEA/NSPA National High School Journalism Convention and/or entering onto premises where JEA and NSPA events are held. It is not possible to constrain the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to attend a convention organized by JEA and NSPA and enter premises where the convention is held, you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I [the attendee] hereby choose to accept the risk of contracting COVID-19 for myself in order to attend the JEA/NSPA National High School Journalism Convention and enter the convention premises. I accept the risk of being exposed to, contracting and/or spreading COVID-19. I agree to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (symptoms typically include fever, cough and shortness of breath) and, if I experience symptoms of COVID-19 during the convention, I will contact my registration group as well as JEA and/or NSPA staff and self-isolate through the remainder of the convention. If I test positive for COVID-19 within 14 days after attending the convention, I will also notify JEA and/or NSPA.

PROCEDURES IF ILL: If attendees develop symptoms consistent with COVID-19, they must remain isolated. If they have roommates, those roommates should isolate with each other in another room. Contact the hotel and JEA Executive Director Kelly Glasscock (kelly@jea.org) or NSPA Executive Director Laura Widmer (laura@studentpress.org) to make these arrangements. Additional rooms needed/transportation costs will be at the individual's expense.

WAIVER OF LAWSUIT/LIABILITY: I hereby forever release and waive my right to bring suit against JEA and/or NSPA and its owners, officers, directors, managers, officials, trustees, agents, employees or other representatives for fault in connection with exposure, infection and/or spread of COVID-19 related to attending its events. I understand that this waiver means I give up my right to bring any claim based on negligence, including for personal injuries, death, disease or property losses, or any other loss, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen.

REFUND POLICY: JEA and NSPA hope everyone who registers for the convention will be able to attend; however, extenuating circumstances do occur. Convention registrations can be canceled until April. 7. There will be no refunds after that date.

All attendees, speakers and vendors must agree to the Code of Conduct and Liability Policies. Proof of COVID-19 vaccination and policy agreement should be submitted within two weeks of registering for the national convention. Registration is not complete/confirmed until proof of vaccination and policy agreement is verified.