



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

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Safety 2021: FAQs

When and where is Safety 2021?

We are still finalizing those details. What we can tell you right now is that our annual professional development conference and exposition will be a hybrid event. The Society's original plans to present Safety 2021 in Denver in June have shifted, and we anticipate delivering the hybrid conference in September, with the in-person event presented at a new location. We expect to announce more details and launch the conference website in March.

We value your trust, and we are committed to communicating with you as we finalize information on the conference. We appreciate your interest and involvement, and thank you for your patience, engagement and support.

Why shift the date and location?

The safety and health of all involved remain our highest priority. We know that many members are eager to meet face-to-face with their ASSP colleagues, learn new things and see the latest safety innovations in person. Based on what we currently know about the pandemic, vaccine administration and projections about travel safety, we believe a hybrid event offers ASSP the best opportunity to deliver our conference in a way that is mindful of the public safety and health challenges we continue to face due to the pandemic.

What factors did ASSP consider?

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we have continuously monitored and assessed various factors with respect to delivering in-person education. These include:

- rules and guidance at the federal, state, local and facility levels
- evolving public health and safety protocols and vaccination projections;
- the safety and health of our members, speakers, exhibitors, volunteers and staff
- financial models;
- business trends, including travel forecasts for 2021.

These factors remain fluid, and we will continue to monitor them in the coming months to ensure we can deliver a safe, informative, inspiring and fun event that also makes good business sense for ASSP.

For the in-person event, what safety and health protocols will be in place?

Our safety team is reviewing a wide range of safety and health protocols to mitigate risk of infection during the in-person event. We continue to discuss measures such as contactless registration, physical distancing, face coverings, regular cleaning, one-directional aisles, designated entrances/exits, and seating limitations in meeting rooms. We will also promote good hygiene practices such as frequent handwashing and use of hand sanitizer. We will share more information about protocols that will be in place as we get closer to the event.

In addition, based on our analysis of how we can best provide a safe, healthy environment for attendees, we will not provide traditional conference lunches as part of the event. We are confident there will be plenty of safe food options available to attendees. Please stay tuned for more information.



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Will there be an exposition at Safety 2021?

Yes! Exhibitors are excited to see members and showcase their latest product innovations and best-in-class services. Our virtual event will also include a virtual exposition where you can interact with exhibitors to learn about new products/services, ask questions, request Zoom meetings and gather more information. Please stay tuned for more information.

Will there be ancillary events?

We recognize that award ceremonies, lunches, receptions and other special gatherings often enhance your in-person conference experience. However, due to physical distancing and public health requirements, many ancillary events traditionally held in conjunction with the in-person conference will shift to virtual events presented either in conjunction with the Safety 2021 virtual conference or at another time to be most accessible to all members. We also won't be holding board or committee meetings, nor will we be hosting lounges, receptions or retreats. Please stay tuned for more information and watch your email for updates.

How much will it cost?

We are finalizing Safety 2021 fees prior to the launch of registration in late spring. Safety 2020 was approximately \$755. We anticipate that fees for Safety 2021 will be equal to or less than that as the market for event pricing continues to shift. The registration fee for Safety 2021 will reflect the number of CEUs and other benefits attendees receive. We are working to make the registration fees accessible, understanding that many of our members continue to have limited professional development and travel budgets. Please stay tuned for more information and thank you for your patience as we finalize those details.

I have a credit on my account from Safety 2020. Will I be able to use it for Safety 2021?

Yes! We'll provide more details when we launch registration. If you will not be able to attend Safety 2021 either virtually or in person, please contact Customer Service at +1 847-699-2929 or customerservice@assp.org to explore other options for applying your credit.

What happens with Safety 2021 if the pandemic doesn't subside as expected?

We are working diligently to ensure ASSP has as much flexibility as possible for presenting this event. We will continue to monitor the situation and we are committed to communicating with you as developments occur. In addition, the virtual conference will maximize our ability to deliver top-quality education to you even if we can't offer an event in person.

Will this change affect any conferences planned by ASSP regions?

The Board of Directors and staff team are working closely and communicating regularly with regional leaders about the PDCs they have planned later this year. Through this outreach, we have built stronger relationships with these leaders, developed common understanding about the Society's decision-making related to Safety 2021 and created new paths for engagement and collaboration. As part of one organization, we all recognize that delivering Safety 2021 is critical business activity for ASSP.





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What role will volunteer leaders have at Safety 2021?

We are working through many of these details as we continue to develop the program for the in-person and virtual events. As a first step, please encourage members in your community to stay tuned for more information and continue to check the Safety 2021 website when it launches in March.

Will ASSP return to Denver, CO, in the future?

It is our goal to return to Denver for a future professional development conference and exposition. We will provide regular updates as we finalize plans.

If I have other questions, who should I call?

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