



## **INTERNATIONAL RESTAURANT & FOODSERVICE SHOW OF NEW YORK COVID-19 DETAILED HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICIES (UPDATED OCTOBER 6, 2021)**

The International Restaurant & Foodservice Show of New York is working closely with the Javits Center, New York City, and New York State to create the safest experience possible for all attendees, exhibitors, and guests. The following policies are as of October 6, 2021, and they will be updated as new guidance becomes available.

### **COVID-19 VACCINE REQUIRED**

All attendees, exhibitors, guests, staff, partners, and all others entering the Javits Center for the Show must show proof of vaccination. This is per the City of New York's Key to NYC initiative in place across all restaurants, museums, theaters, and all other indoor venues throughout New York City.

Your proof of vaccination must show that you have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine authorized by the FDA or WHO. You can attend immediately after your first dose.

Proof of vaccination accepted includes:

- NYC COVID Safe App
- Excelsior Pass
- CDC Vaccination Card
- NYC Vaccination Record
- Official immunization record from outside NYC or the US

If showing a Vaccination Card or Report, either your physical card or a photocopy or digital image on your smartphone will be accepted.

Your proof of vaccination will be checked once upon your first arrival to the International Restaurant & Foodservice Show of New York, after which you will be given a wristband confirming your vaccination status has been verified. Keep this wristband on during your entire visit to the Show, and show it at the entrance during any additional arrivals to bypass the vaccination check.

## **FACE COVERINGS**

All attendees, exhibitors, guests, staff, crew, and all others entering the Javits Center must wear masks while at the International Restaurant & Foodservice Show of New York, and please see the City of New York's recommendations for preferred face coverings.

All face coverings must properly cover your nose and mouth. A mesh mask is not an acceptable face covering. A face shield is not an acceptable substitute for a mask.

Face coverings can be removed when actively eating or drinking and by panelists while socially distanced on stage, but face coverings must be worn at all other times at the Show. Staff will be checking this throughout the entirety of the show from set-up to show days to tear-down, so please be sure to keep your approved face covering on.

## **FURTHER HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES**

The following measures are being taken by the International Restaurant & Foodservice Show or New York and/or the Javits Center...

- Installation of specialized, hospital-grade air filters to improve air quality and reduce any air contaminants in the Javits Center.
- Increased sanitization teams from the Javits Center throughout the show dates cleaning the building.
- Increased hand sanitizers and signage. Heavy distribution of hand sanitizers throughout the building and messaging around proper hygiene.
- The Javits Center has achieved Global Biorisk Advisory Council (GBAC) STAR accreditation, the gold standard for facilities implementing strict infectious disease protocols in today's environment. To achieve the GBAC STAR, Javits has demonstrated achievements in 20 core elements, from standard operating procedures to personal protective equipment. Learn more at [gbac.issa.com](http://gbac.issa.com).

## **DIGITAL COMMUNITY**

Should our vaccination and mask policy not be a match for you this year, we encourage you to enjoy the Shows online at home through Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, where we'll be posting more than ever, and we welcome you to engage as part of the digital community. We unfortunately cannot allow anyone into the Javits Center without vaccinations or face coverings. The International Restaurant & Foodservice Show of New York is a large gathering, and vaccinations and face coverings are required for the health and safety of all participants.

## **GENERAL WELLNESS**

We ask that all attendees self-evaluate prior to coming to the International Restaurant & Foodservice Show of New York in order to protect others at the event. If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or have been in close contact with someone who has had COVID-19 in the 14 days prior to the event, please do not enter the Javits Center.

## **FURTHER UPDATES**

These policies are as of October 6, 2021, and they will be updated as new guidance becomes available. As COVID-19 news changes rapidly, we recommend you follow us on social media to be the first to receive new information.

