



## 2021 ANNUAL EVENT

### Covid Safety Precautions

We are excited to welcome guests back in person to the 2021 Central Coast Economic Forecast (Annual Event) held at the Madonna Expo Center on Friday, November 5, 2021. The well-being of our guests, staff, and volunteers continues to be our top priority. In response, the CCEF has enacted heightened sanitation, health, and safety protocols for the 2021 Annual Event. These pre-cautionary measures and policies are in alignment with CDC, State, and County of SLO public health orders, ordinances, and guidance for events of this size.

#### **Event Capacity Reduced by 30%**

The CCEF has voluntarily limited the number of people that can attend the 2021 Annual Event which has reduced the overall capacity by more than 30% (compared to our 2019 Annual Event).

#### **Self-Attestation of Vaccination Status OR Negative Test**

As part of the on-line registration process for 2021 Annual Event, all guests were asked to disclose their vaccination status via a self-attestation form. Guests that are not vaccinated or declined to disclose their status, agreed not to attend in-person unless they received a negative COVID test (PCR or antigen) within 72 hours prior to the event.

#### **Mandatory Face Masks**

Face coverings are required to be worn by all guests and staff members while indoors at Central Coast Economic Forecast, including those who have received a COVID-19 vaccine. Guests must bring their own face coverings. Face coverings must conform to CDC guidelines.

#### **Practice Physical Distancing – Table Capacity Reduced by 40%**

For the safety of all in attendance, physical distance is recommended. We have reduced the number of guests seated at each table from 10 to 6. We have also increased the distance between each table. Please be respectful of other guests and their space.

#### **Contactless Environment**

The CCEF will not have a formal registration area this year. Instead, seating assignments will be emailed to all guests a few days prior to the event. Event signage will be placed throughout the Expo Center with table numbers and seating assignments. Name tags will be placed at each seat. We will have a few “floating” volunteers to assist guests as needed. The event program can be downloaded using a QR code at the Annual Event.

#### **Food and Beverage**

Consistent with the County of SLO recommendations to separate “eating” and “mingling” areas, the CCEF will not be serving a breakfast buffet during the networking

hour (7:30-8:30am) but will provide guests with a plated breakfast served at the table once the program begins at 8:30am.

### **Increased Ventilation / Air Circulation**

During the networking hour (7:30-8:30am), the doors to the Madonna Expo Center will be propped open. During the program, the Madonna Expo Center will also run its ventilation system that is equipped with two large exhaust fans for increased air quality and circulation.

### **Wash/Sanitize Hands Often**

The frequent washing and sanitization of your hands can help to keep you healthy and reduce the spread of germs. Several hand sanitizing stations will be located throughout the Expo Center.

### **Enhanced Cleaning & Sanitization**

All high-touch surfaces and heavily trafficked areas within the Madonna Expo Center will be cleaned and disinfected at an increased frequency throughout event. Prior to the event, all spaces and seating areas will go through a rigorous disinfection process.

### **COVID-19 Warning**

The health and safety of our guests is our top priority. We have taken enhanced health and safety measures to protect you. However, an inherent risk of exposure to the virus that causes COVID-19 exists in any public place where people gather. You must follow all venue policies, including health and safety policies, and posted instructions while in the Madonna Expo Center and on the grounds.

Do not enter the 2021 Central Coast Economic Forecast Annual Event if you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, have been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 14 days, have been exposed to someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 14 days, or are subject to a mandatory quarantine pursuant to local, State, or Federal health authorities.

### **QUESTIONS?**

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