



2021 Christa McAuliffe Transforming, Teaching, & Technology Conference

COVID-19 Safety Information

While participating in the *2021 Christa McAuliffe Transforming, Teaching, & Technology Conference (CMTC21)*, participants must adhere to the guidelines stated in the **Safety Protocols** posted, received in advance of the conference, and attached hereto for your convenience.

Participants are strongly encouraged to follow CDC guidelines including practicing hand hygiene, “social distancing”, and wearing face coverings to reduce the risks of exposure to COVID-19. Because COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is spread mainly from person-to-person contact, the *CMTC21* Safety Protocols includes measures intended to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. CMTC21 organizers cannot under any circumstance guarantee that conference participants, volunteers, partners, or others in attendance will not become exposed to or infected with COVID-19.

In light of the ongoing spread of COVID-19, individuals who fall within any of the categories below should not engage in the conference events. Do not attend the *CMTC21* conference if you fall into either of the following categories:

1. Individuals who currently or within the past fourteen (14) days have experienced any symptoms associated with COVID-19, which include fever, cough, and shortness of breath among others;
2. Individuals who believe that they may have been exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 or have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and are not yet cleared as non-contagious by state or local public health authorities or the health care team responsible for their treatment.

Participants and volunteers are urged to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (symptoms typically include fever, cough, and shortness of breath), and contact Carl Ladd, NHSAA Executive Director, at Carl@nhsaa.org if a participant experiences symptoms of COVID-19 within 14 days after participating or volunteering at *CMTC21*.

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IN-PERSON ATTENDEE WAIVER & RELEASE OF LIABILITY

Please carefully read every line of this waiver and release of liability and be certain you understand the implications of signing it including preventing you from bringing liability claims against the New Hampshire School Administrators Association (“NHSAA”) and its members, affiliates and sponsors, the DoubleTree Hilton – Manchester, NH, and their respective officials, employees, volunteers, agents, and representatives.

I, the undersigned, desire to attend the *Christa McAuliffe Transforming, Teaching, & Technology Conference (CMTC21)* (the “Event”) in-person, of my own free will, and for my own benefit. I understand that I do not have to attend the Event in-person, and that a virtual attendance option is available. **(undersigned’s initials here _____)**

As an in-person attendee of the Event I agree to abide by all health and safety rules and/or guidelines that the NHSAA, its affiliated partners and sponsors, the DoubleTree Hilton – Manchester, NH, or governmental authorities may issue prior to or during the Event. **(Undersigned’s initials here _____)**

I understand and acknowledge that in-person attendance at the Event may expose me to contact with one or more persons or objects that have been infected with, and/or exposed to, the virus commonly known as COVID-19 or the 2019 novel coronavirus (the “Virus”). I understand the Virus is extremely contagious and can spread from person-to-person contact and I further understand the inherent risk of exposure to the Virus exists in any place where people are present. I understand people reportedly can be infected and be asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic and spread the Virus. I further understand that although vaccination appears to be an effective way to reduce the risk of infection and serious illness, no vaccine is 100% effective. I also understand that adequate safety precautions may not exist, may not be implemented or fully implemented, and may not be enforceable or effective at the Event. I understand that, as a result, my in-person attendance at the Event likely exposes me to a higher risk of exposure to or infection with the Virus. **(undersigned’s initials here _____)**

I understand and acknowledge the potential risks associated with exposure to or infection with the Virus are not fully known, but may include quarantine requirements, significant and serious illness, bodily injury, personal injury, serious chronic health conditions, loss of income, pain and suffering, hospitalization, temporary or permanent disability, and/or death. **(undersigned’s initials here _____)**

In exchange for good and valuable consideration, including without limitation, the opportunity to attend the Event in-person, the undersigned:

1. Releases, waives, discharges, covenants not to sue, indemnifies and holds harmless the NHSAA and its affiliated partners and sponsors, the DoubleTree Hilton – Manchester, NH, and their respective officials, employees, agents, volunteers and representatives (hereinafter “Releasees”) from any and all liability to the undersigned, and his/her/their representatives, heirs, and successors in interest (hereinafter “undersigned”) for any and all loss, injury, illness or damage, and any claim or demands therefore on account of death, injury or illness of the undersigned or damage to the property of the undersigned whether caused by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, arising from or related to the undersigned’s presence at and/or participation in the Event. **(Undersigned’s initials here _____)**

2. Assumes full responsibility for all risk of personal injury, economic injury, property damage, and bodily injury, including but not limited to death, paralysis, brain injury, heart attack, cardiovascular injury, vascular injury, pulmonary injury, joint pains, transient dizziness, lightheadedness, fainting, nausea, cramping, stroke, aneurysm, neurological injury, damage to organs, disease, infection, exposure to communicable viruses and diseases, emotional distress, serious illness, and any other physical or emotional injury, medical or psychiatric condition or complication of any kind whatsoever, due to any cause, including the negligence of Releasees or otherwise, arising from or related to the undersigned’s in-person presence at and/or participation in the Event. **(Undersigned’s initials here _____)**

3. Represents and warrants:

(a) that he/she/they acknowledges that attending the Event in-person is dangerous and involves risk of serious bodily and psychiatric injury, death, property damage and economic injury;
(Undersigned's initials here _____)

(b) that some of the risks of harm include, but are not limited to, possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to the Virus, insufficient ventilation, lack of protective equipment including air purification, sanitation and personal protective equipment ("PPE"), lack of adequate health and safety rules, oversight and enforcement by Releasees, lack of compliance with health and safety rules and guidelines by Releasees, undersigned and/or others, lack of training or supervision of or by Releasees, inadequate health and safety practices, safeguards and precautions by Releasees, carelessness and negligence of Releasees and others, and any other risk of infectious disease whatsoever that one may encounter while attending in-person an indoor conference or event and that may be attributed to Releasees; **(Undersigned's initials here _____)**

(c) that he/she/they understands the above list of possible risks is not exhaustive and that unknown and/or unanticipated risks may result in bodily injury, economic injury, property damage, personal injury, or death;
(Undersigned's initials here _____)

(d) that he/she/they has/have read every line of this Release and Waiver of Liability carefully and had an opportunity to review it with legal counsel if believed necessary to do so;
(Undersigned's initials here _____) and

(e) that he/she/they is/are 18 years of age or older, competent, and under no legal obligation whatsoever to attend the Event in-person. **(Undersigned's initials here _____)**

This Waiver and Release of Liability shall be binding to the fullest extent permitted by law. It releases Releasees from all liability stemming from their own acts of negligence. If any provision of this Waiver and Release of Liability is found to be invalid or unenforceable, any such provision shall be divisible, and shall not affect in any way the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

I HAVE READ THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM GIVING UP LEGAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND I SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY.

Signature

Date

Full Name (Please Print)