

COVID and the Conference

To mitigate the risk of serious infection and outbreak, over the past year we have consulted with health and safety experts in the Labor Notes community who made sure we considered a range of factors, from the structural (ventilation) to the individual (vaccines and masks).

Proof of vaccination is required.

All attendees are required to provide proof of full vaccination (two Pfizer or Moderna, one J&J, preferably more). If you did not provide this in advance, you must provide it at registration. Otherwise you will be turned away and refunded the price of registration.

Masks are required.

Masks are required during all workshop and program times, except when actively eating or drinking. Speakers/presenters/performers can take off their masks when they are actively speaking or singing. Please wear your mask properly, over the mouth and nose.

Masking is not only to keep you safe—it is to keep everyone around you safe, too. There are 4,000 people here this weekend, from all over the world, including many who live with, work with, or are ourselves elders, young children, or medically vulnerable people.

Where can I get a mask?

We can provide a mask if you need one. Look for the volunteers in brightly colored vests, or the Labor Notes staffers, who are wearing yellow name tags.

What if I start feeling sick?

If you don't feel well at the conference, please don't attend workshops. Remain in your hotel room and take a Covid test. We will have a limited number of rapid tests available at the registration desk on request. (If you're not experiencing symptoms, don't take one. Supplies are limited.)

What if I test positive for Covid during the conference?

Do not attend conference functions. Let staff know immediately, by phone or email. If at all possible, make arrangements to get home.

Test when you get home.

We strongly recommend that *everyone* get a PCR test (if available) or a rapid test before and after the conference. The CDC recommends testing five days after exposure, or immediately if you are experiencing symptoms.

If you need medical attention:

- The nearest **hospital** is the Mariam Hospital, 7435 W Talcott Ave, Chicago, IL, 60631, 773-774-8000.
- The nearest **pharmacy** is Walgreen's, 4820 N Cumberland Ave, Norridge, IL 60706, 708-583-2133.
- The nearest **urgent care clinic and Covid testing site** is Midwest Express Clinic, 8307 W Lawrence Ave, Norridge, IL 60706, 708-452-0920.

How to reach Labor Notes staff:

- Call our HQ at (718) 284-4144.
- Email us at conference@labornotes.org.
- You may have received a text message (if we have your cell phone number!); you can text us back.
- Have a friend notify a staff member.