The NOBCChE Board and the Planning Team for the Conference have been carefully monitoring COVID during the runup to the conference. The Board is tracking CDC guidelines, done on a county-by-county basis. As of August 15, 2022, the community level is currently HIGH in Orange County. We will continue to update protocols for the event per the CDC recommendations and will inform attendees of any changes as they occur.

- **Vaccines.** A vaccine or proof of a negative COVID test within 72 hours of the conference start is required to participate in conference activities. Proof of vaccine or test results may be uploaded [here](#).

- **Masking.** In keeping with the most recent guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Orange County’s Community COVID Status of HIGH, masking is strongly recommended when indoors. A recommended mask should be at least 2 layers of breathable fabric or hospital grade material, fully covers the nose, nostrils, mouth and fits firmly under the chin, and fits snugly, but comfortably against the side of the face.

- **Hand Sanitizers.** The hotel has hand sanitizer stations setup in high traffic areas throughout the hotel.