



COVID Related Q&A

St. Ambrose University (SAU) is the host institution for the 2021 Midwest Academy of Management (MAM) so the conference will follow the guidelines of the State of Iowa and SAU's COVID Implementation Committee (CIC). The State of Iowa doesn't have a mask or vaccination mandate. However, St. Ambrose University has a mask mandate for all indoor spaces, except for private offices, athletes in active practice, and while actively eating or drinking. Click for St. Ambrose Updates.

Q1. Will you be asking participants whether they are vaccinated or not?

Though we are not requesting vaccination status information from attendees, we strongly encourage vaccinations. The host institution strongly encourages vaccinations for all faculty, staff, and students. All visitors, vaccinated or not, must check in for temperature and health check questions. All admitted visitors must also wear masks except when alone in private offices or eating/drinking.

Q2. Will masks be required during the conference?

Masks will be required, per current policy of the University, in all indoor spaces except when alone in private offices or actively eating/drinking.

Q3. Is there enough room on-campus to be socially distant?

Yes. The conference program team is planning for larger gathering spaces for meals, reception, plenary events, and bigger rooms for paper presentations. Additionally, there will be minimal students on campus. No classes will be held on Oct 15th and 16th in observance of Fall Break.

Q4. Is the conference hotel implementing extra cleaning/sanitation to reduce COVID risk/spread?

The Midwest Academy of Management secured concessional rates at four hotels: The Blackhawk Hotel, Current, and Radisson in Davenport, Iowa, as well as the Hilton Garden Inn in Bettendorf, Iowa. These hotels are following protocols to enhance public health. However, you should contact the hotels directly to find out the procedures in place at these properties.

Q5. What measures will your university take to reduce the impact of COVID and the delta variant in the areas where the conference will be held?

St. Ambrose University has a COVID Implementation Team, specially created in Spring 2020 to review public health risks/concerns of COVID and recommend policies to the university to protect campus health. Several university offices including the Cabinet (comprised of the President and top administrators) meet regularly to review changes in the community and the campus to adopt policies to protect campus health. The MAM conference team consults with the SAU's COVID Implementation Team regularly in deciding protocols for the event. The conference committee will follow the prevailing COVID protocols for visitors and campus events. The MAM conference team will inform conference registrants of any protocols that require advance notice via the MAM website (www.mwaom.org) from time to time. Please check this webpage for any new information.

Q6. Will there be a free shuttle from the hotel to campus?

The MAM conference team is unable to provide a shuttle from the hotels to campus. The campus is about 1.5 miles from the three Davenport hotels. The Hilton Garden Inn is 3.3 miles directly East on Locust Street from the campus. The hotels may provide shuttle service for guests. Also, Lyft and Uber services are available.

Q7. Does the conference committee have a backup plan if the delta variant continues to surge in the Midwest as predicted?

Yes. The health and safety of MAM members is the highest priority. The MAM team is continually reviewing the conditions and will act to address emerging public health concerns with the goal of hosting a safe and lively in-person conference. We are confident in the safety protocols and contingency planning efforts of our team.

If you have a question about COVID and the conference logistics that is not answered above, then please send an email to mam2021@sau.edu.