



## COVID Guidance at Options XI

ISIRV is a registered charity with an educational remit serving a professional membership of doctors and scientists at all stages of their careers.

As a Society focussed on disseminating and furthering knowledge about all aspects of influenza and respiratory viruses, we take very seriously the necessity to consider carefully the risks posed at conference gatherings, as we emerge from the pandemic of 2020-2022. Such events bring together in one place, hundreds of people from all over the world, and inevitably increase the opportunities for social mixing and virus transmission.

We would like to reassure all conference attendees of the measures that have been taken to minimise the potential for transmitting COVID:

- The meeting arrangements are fully compliant with [UK national and Northern Ireland local guidance](#)
- The [ICC venue](#) is fully compliant with local and national guidance and the staff have worked hard to ensure excellent ventilation and optimal people flow arrangements through heavy traffic areas to minimise risks.
- Masks will be provided in delegate packs. Mask wearing is not mandatory in indoor areas under UK guidance at present, but we encourage this, where practical, in high-traffic common areas.
- ISIRV organising committees are monitoring COVID-19 prevalence locally in conjunction with local public health teams in Belfast to ensure we are in a position to strengthen social distancing measures if this is indicated.

### We ask:

- That conference registrants who are ill and/or SARS-CoV-2 positive before departure to avoid travelling to the meeting.
- Similarly, those who have travelled and have become unwell/symptomatic since leaving home to not attend the meeting.
- That there is compliance with signage at the venue about movement pathways, hand hygiene, and mask wearing.

Online recordings will be available for the majority of sessions at OPTIONS XI.