



## **Duty of Care/Safety Plan/COVID Policy for EITM Event Ticket Holders & Attendees**

ABLE2 is committed to the health and safety of all attendees at Evening in the Maritimes 2022.

All requirements for special events that are in effect at the time of EITM22 (as directed by the government of Ontario, Ottawa Public Health, and our host venue, The Westin Ottawa\*) will be in place during the event, along with some extra precautionary measures that ABLE2 believes are necessary and prudent.

These include:

**Vaccination** – EITM22 is restricted to attendees (including event volunteers and event staff/consultants) who have enhanced vaccine status (been double-vaccinated plus booster) at least 14 days prior to May 19, 2022. Individuals have all been asked to confirm their vaccination status on our online registration portal.

**COVID-19 Symptom Screening** – Upon arrival at the venue, all attendees will be asked to confirm they are symptom-free and will be reminded they will need to leave the venue at any point during the event if they begin to feel unwell.

**Masking** – Masking is optional based on an individual's personal preference. However, ABLE2 encourages all attendees to be masked in common high-traffic areas. There are N95 masks available for all attendees.

All event staff and event volunteers will be masked during their official duties onsite at the event.

**Hand Hygiene** – Hand sanitizer will be provided onsite, and attendees are asked to use it before and after touching a hard surface, including door handles, elevator buttons, tables and chairs, etc.

**Staggered Entry & Traffic Flow** – There will be designated arrival times to reduce line-ups for check-in and to control traffic flow onsite. Event guests will be asked to follow the directional signage and physical distancing requirements at the venue.

**Greetings** – The official greeting at EiTM22 will be the steady one-handed wave, which is proper etiquette between sailors as two ships sail next to each other on the water. Handshakes and hugs are discouraged.

**Stay at Home Protocol** – Guests who are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 or who have been in contact with someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19 (and have not been cleared by their provincial health authority as non-contagious with COVID-19) will be asked to remain at home. A pre-screening protocol will be in place (see above).

We can't wait to 'SEA' you all again, but we also recognize that attendees may have different levels of comfort when it comes to personal space and physical contact. COVID-19 is an evolving situation, so we will continue to monitor its impact on our plans for EiTM22 and may further update this information.

*\*The Ottawa Westin follows the [Marriott Commitment to Clean](#) policy. Learn more about what to expect at the Westin Ottawa [here](#).*