

ISBA 2022 COVID-19 Guidelines

ISBA 2022 is an in-person conference. We hope attendees will work together to make the event as safe as possible, by following the requirements, guidelines and suggestions outlined below. Even with these precautions, attending the event will not be completely without risk. Whether it is worth the risk for you to attend is a calculation that you will have to make for yourself. Many of us are just starting to navigate returning to large events after a difficult few years, and people will have different levels of comfort with this. Please remember to be considerate of your fellow attendees.

If you feel sick during the conference

- Please **do not** attend the conference if you feel unwell or have tested positive for covid.
- *Auto-tests are free at any Pharmaprix* (must bring an ID). You may go to any Pharmaprix, or you may book an appointment to pick up a box through [ClicSante](#) (Service: distribution of free covid screening test). To find a Pharmaprix close to Hôtel Bonaventure, specify its postal code, H5A 1E4.
- Follow the Quebec [guidelines on self-isolation](#).
- If you are presenting, please contact isba2022sc@gmail.com to discuss options.

Masking

As of May 22, the Quebec government has lifted mask mandates, and Hotel Bonaventure will not be mandating masks for guests or employees. However, we **strongly recommend** that ISBA attendees wear masks during the conference when not presenting or eating and drinking. Masks will be available at the conference venue, but we encourage attendees to bring their own masks. In addition, masks are required on public transit and at healthcare facilities.

Distancing

We encourage you to avoid unnecessary crowding where possible. Since ISBA is a large event, where many of us will be seeing friends and colleagues for the first time in years, it will not always be possible to maintain space. However, we encourage attendees to act responsibly and be mindful of each others' safety and comfort.

Self-monitoring

Rapid covid tests are available at most pharmacies; you might also consider bringing tests with you to self-monitor. Note that tests purchased from pharmacies **do not** satisfy travel requirements; please see **Travel Requirements** below for more information.

Travel Requirements

Prior to travel:

- We strongly encourage attendees to be up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters.
- Travel insurance is strongly encouraged
- While masks will be available at the conference, we suggest bringing some with you. Similarly, while self-tests are available at pharmacies, you might consider bringing rapid tests for self-testing. However, note that self-tests do not typically meet international travel requirements, see **Returning home** below.

Entering Canada:

In most cases, if you are not a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, you must be fully vaccinated against Covid (i.e., 2 doses) in order to enter Canada. You **must use ArriveCAN** <https://www.canada.ca/en/border-services-agency/services/arrivecan.html> to submit your travel plans and vaccination information **at least 72 hours prior to arrival. If you do not do so you will need to quarantine.** At present, a pre-entry COVID-19 test is not required; however travelers may be randomly selected for a COVID-19 test on arrival. See <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid> for further information.

Returning home:

Most countries, including the US, no longer require vaccinated passengers to submit a negative COVID test prior to entry. However, some countries still have testing requirements; we suggest verifying the entry requirements of your country prior to travel.

The following laboratories offer COVID tests that meet international travel requirements and are able to provide the appropriate travel certificates.

PCR tests

Clinic	Price	Wait time	Website	Nearest location
Lilium Diagnostics	\$99	6 hours	liliumdiagnostics.com	1500 Atwater ave, Montréal (30 min walk from Hotel Bonaventure)
Biron	\$175	24 hours	biron.com	200 boulevard René Lévesque O (14 min walk from Hotel Bonaventure); also has an airport location
CDL	\$179	24 hours	cdllaboratories.com	407 rue McGill Ouest (13 min walk from Hotel Bonaventure)
Dynacare	\$129	36 hours	dynacare.ca	800, boul. de Maisonneuve E

Rapid Antigen tests

Clinic	Price	Wait time	Website	Nearest location
Lilium Diagnostics	\$49	30 min	liliumdiagnostics.com	1500 Atwater ave, Montréal (30 min walk from Hotel Bonaventure)
Biron	\$99/\$115	24 hours/1 hour (airport only)	biron.com	200 boulevard René Lévesque O (14 min walk from Hotel Bonaventure); also has an airport location

We **strongly recommend** booking in advance. Note that not all tests are valid for all destinations; please check your destination's requirements prior to booking.