

**Message from AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery
Executive Committee and Annual Meeting Chairs**

Dear Pediatric Section Members and Exhibitors,

While we recognize the importance of live interactions in advancing our mission, we are first and foremost committed to the health and well-being of all attendees, exhibitors and staff of the 50th Annual Meeting of the AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery.

To that end, we ask for your assistance in making the meeting as safe as possible by abiding to the following directives:

- **Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccinations:** When registering for the 50th Annual Meeting of the AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery, all attendees, faculty members, exhibitors and staff will be asked to attest if they are fully vaccinated. A person is considered fully vaccinated:
 - o Two weeks after their second dose in a two-dose series, such as the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines; or
 - o Two weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine.

Masking Policies: All attendees are required to comply with applicable masking policies in effect in Salt Lake City during the Annual Meeting [- <https://www.visitsaltlake.com/plan-your-trip/covid-19-information/>]

- **CDC Travel Guidelines:** All meeting attendees, faculty members, exhibitors and staff are urged to comply with travel guidelines issued by the CDC when traveling to the Annual Meeting [<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>].

The Section leadership has also arranged to add a virtual component to the meeting, which will be offered to unvaccinated individuals, as well as to those individuals who cannot travel to the meeting for various reasons. Note that the virtual component will be *limited* to livestreaming of select portions of the program. A fully interactive virtual meeting is unlikely to be offered, unless significant safety concerns of the in-person meeting emerge. Registration for the virtual component of the meeting is completely separate from registration for the in-person meeting and is expected to open in late October.

For those of you who have already registered for the meeting, you will receive a query about your vaccination status and be given the opportunity to continue with the in-person meeting or instead register for the virtual platform.

We wish you all safe weeks ahead. We will continue to work diligently to provide you with the best and safest venues for clinical interchange, education and research.

Stay well,

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