#SER2022 CONFERENCE COVID PROTOCOL

The Society for Epidemiologic Research aims to provide a safe environment for our first in-person annual meeting since the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic. Although conditions might change, at this point we expect low levels of community transmission and therefore a minimal risk for vaccinated attendees. Nonetheless, we have the following requests of all attendees as a means to reduce concerns about the risk of infection from the resumption of in-person activities.

- All attendees, regardless of vaccination status, are asked to obtain a negative COVID test prior to traveling to the conference. This can be a molecular test (PCR, LAMP, etc.) or an antigen test.
- SER will provide daily rapid antigen test kits for each participant, and ask that participants test each day before attending conference activities. Individuals who test positive may not participate in the conference and should take the necessary steps to isolate, following public health guidance at that time.
- Based on the current status of the pandemic, we strongly recommend wearing a mask in public areas of the conference.
- In the absence of any national, state, or local directives, individuals may decide to wear or not wear a mask based on their personal judgment and should allow other attendees to choose for themselves, without prejudice.

This protocol is based on the current public health status in Chicago (as of March 2022). SER reserves the right to adjust the protocol, as needed, to reflect changes in community transmission or directives from national, state, or local public health authorities.