



NABT Confirms 2021 Conference in Atlanta

July 23, 2021 - The [2021 NABT Professional Development Conference](#) will occur in less than 90 days in Atlanta. While we are excited at the prospect of meeting with colleagues and friends in person, there is a high level of uncertainty regarding the course of the COVID-19 pandemic in the coming months.

The [National Association of Biology Teachers](#) is committed to keeping our community safe during this time together, and as teachers of biology and life science, NABT expects our attendees to use available data and evidence to make decisions regarding your personal risk.



By registering for the conference, you have agreed to abide by [NABT's Policy on Meetings Safety and Responsibility](#). In addition to the guidelines set forth in the policy, NABT will also be enforcing the following protocols to ensure our community can meet safely in-person.

- Unvaccinated individuals, those with suspected contact with a COVID positive individual, or anyone experiencing COVID-like symptoms are asked to forgo attending the 2021 conference.
 - NABT has adjusted its refund policy to allow full refunds until November 31st. Should you need to cancel for any reason, please contact the NABT Office at conference@nabt.org, by calling (888) 501-6228, or by visiting [NABT.org](https://www.nabt.org) and using the chat feature.
 - Should you experience symptoms while onsite, NABT and Marriott staff will work with you to confirm proper health services are provided.
- Properly worn face masks will be required by all participants and staff while onsite.
 - Failure to comply with the mask requirement could lead to dismissal from the conference without a refund.
- Session rooms will be set to maximize physical distancing and limit capacities.
- Attendees will be asked to comply with distancing, aisle directions, and capacity limits implemented in the Exhibit Hall.
- Meal functions and special events will be modified to allow for the safe delivery and consumption of food and beverages.

NABT will also be working closely with the [Atlanta Marriott Marquis](#) to make certain their cleaning and staffing measures exceed CDC Guidelines.

The current phase of this pandemic presents a challenging situation where everyone's risk is different. Please make the decision to attend the Professional Development Conference based on what is best for you and your family knowing that NABT will accept cancellations and issue refunds as needed.

Sincerely,

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About NABT: Since being established in 1938, the National Association of Biology Teachers (NABT) has been the recognized "leader in life science education." Thousands of educators have joined NABT to share experiences and expertise with colleagues from around the globe; keep up with trends and developments in the field; and grow professionally. For more information about NABT, please visit www.NABT.org.

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