



## MCSA FALL CONFERENCE UPDATE

### AUGUST 20, 2021

Dear MCSA Sheriffs and Partners,

As President Koutoujian has previously stated, we want to keep you regularly informed of the Fall Conference and our COVID-related safety protocols.

The conference will be held in Boston, MA at the Fairmont Copley Plaza September 13 – 16th. The official member meeting and partner roundtable will begin with events on the 14th. We deeply appreciate your support of MCSA during our 2020 virtual and hybrid meetings. It was with great excitement that we met in-person once again for a memorable conference in Asheville this June. We are looking forward to seeing colleagues in Boston and to sharing our valuable insights with one another.

As President Koutoujian noted, MCSA continues to monitor the prevalence of COVID-19. The safety of all attendees is of the utmost importance to the MCSA Executive Board. Massachusetts remains a lower-risk COVID-19 destination according to public health data. The average rate of positive tests in Massachusetts for the past 7 days is just 2.76% compared to 9.7% nationwide. Massachusetts also has the second highest vaccination rate in the country, with 71% of the population having received at least one dose compared to 60% nationwide.

Therefore, in conjunction with our fellow national law enforcement associations such as MCCA and IACP and with an infectious disease physician we have retained to advise us through this conference, MCSA will implement the following COVID-19 protocols for the 2021 Fall Conference:

- Physical proof of vaccination, or proof of a negative COVID test within 72 hours, will be required to attend the conference and must be shown at registration.
- As of today, the City of Boston will require masks to be worn at indoor public settings. In accordance with this, masks will be required during conference functions. MCSA will provide new masks to attendees daily.

- Physical distancing will be implemented in all indoor meetings and social functions.
- Daily temperature checks will be administered for all attendees. If an attendee has a temperature of more than 100.9 degrees, they will be required to complete a rapid COVID test which will be administered on-site by a certified medical professional in a private area.
- If an attendee becomes symptomatic during the conference, they will be required to remain in their room until a negative COVID test result is received.
- Both night events for all the attendees will be in venues with outside space. Transportation to and from these events will be in open air trollies.
- High levels of sanitation will be maintained throughout the conference with private hand sanitizers, sanitizer stations and multiple daily cleanings of meeting spaces by hotel staff.

MCSA is committed to providing our members, partners, guests, and staff as safe of an experience as possible. With more than three weeks until the Fall 2021 Conference, there is ample time to start the vaccination process or secure a COVID-19 test. If MCSA can assist you regarding COVID-19 efforts in any way, please feel free to reach out to me directly at [kwagner@mcsheriffs.com](mailto:kwagner@mcsheriffs.com).

The MCSA Executive Board and I look forward to seeing you soon and to safely enjoying all that Boston has to offer.

Sincerely,

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