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# The Researcher to Reader Conference

London & Everywhere

February 22 – 23 2022



## COVID-19 Arrangements at BMA House

R2R remains very conscious of the continuing pandemic, and although the recent increase in infections is now thankfully declining in the UK, COVID-19 still represents a threat for many people. While delighted to be able to welcome physical participants to our venue, it is still necessary to take some modest precautions.

Being at BMA House means that we are guided by the precautions that the British Medical Association has devised for the venue, as part of their current *COVID-19 conscious* policy, and these are described below. We would be grateful if participants coming to the venue could familiarise themselves with these arrangements and comply with these necessary precautions.

### Vaccination & Symptoms

- Proof of vaccination is not required at the venue.
- Any delegate who is experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, or any other respiratory illness, in the days before or during the Conference is asked not to attend the venue, but to participate in the Conference online.
- There is an on-site medical room available for anyone who feels unwell during the event.

### Testing

- All participants must be able to demonstrate on arrival at the venue each day that they have had a recent negative COVID-19 test result.  
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/get-tested-for-coronavirus>
- This can be a negative lateral flow test taken up to 24 hours in advance of arrival, where the negative result has been registered at the Government website and the participant is able to show the confirmation message  
<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>
- It is also acceptable to show evidence of a negative PCR test, where the result has been received in the past 24 hours.
- For people who cannot show evidence of a negative lateral flow or PCR test, rapid lateral flow test kits will be available to use on arrival in a designated area of reception. Such delegates will have to wait for a negative test result (typically 15-30 minutes) before entry.
- The venue will not be carrying out temperature testing on arrival.

### Checking In

- All participants will be asked to 'check in' with the NHS App or a manual process on arrival each day. This will support notification of people who may have been exposed to COVID-19, in the unlikely event of an outbreak at BMA House.
- Check in will be via the NHS COVID-19 App, and QR codes are available to scan at the entrances to BMA House.
- Any participant unwilling or unable to use the NHS COVID-19 App will be required to manually provide their check-in details.

### Face Coverings & Precautions

- Face coverings are to be worn when entering and exiting the building, when using the toilets & the onsite café, and when you are in close proximity to others in communal areas.
- BMA House encourages people to wear face coverings in the conference hall, breakout rooms and meeting rooms, although this is not a mandatory requirement to participate in the Conference.
- Face coverings are available at the reception desk and the security lodge.
- Social Distancing of 1 metre (or more) is encouraged at all times.
- Extra ventilation will be in place in the event spaces to encourage the flow of fresh air.
- Hand sanitiser stations are available for use in every room.



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