

## **DMDC 2022 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

May 11 – May 13, 2022 Updated Jan. 31

## What precautions are being taken to ensure the health and safety of DMDC participants?

Proof of vaccination status is required for all participants, hand sanitizer will be available throughout the hotel, on the charter plane, during all aspects of programming. Hilton CleanStay ensures hotels rooms, event space and other public places will be cleaned and sanitized. We will enforce CDC and the City of Washington, D.C. COVID-19 guidelines. The following FAQ will provide additional information on safety requirements and recommendations and the DMDC itinerary will contain information about precautions specific to the various programs.

#### Will I need to be vaccinated to attend DMDC 2022?

Yes. On Jan. 15, 2022, Washington, D.C. adopted a city-wide <u>vaccination entry requirement</u> that requires proof of two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine to enter indoor facilities within city limits. This includes hotels, bars, restaurants and other venues on the DMDC itinerary.

While there are religious and medical exceptions to the vaccine entry mandate, the rule of a daily negative test required in place of those exceptions is an unattainable standard to participate in DMDC programming. Therefore, we are requiring all DMDC participants to be vaccinated.

## Should I bring my vaccine card to Washington, D.C.

We recommend bringing a copy and digital photo of your vaccine card. Or using a COVID-19 verification app such as VaxYes or CLEAR.

#### Will I be required to wear a mask indoors?

Yes. Due to current restrictions from the CDC, U.S. Federal Transit Administration (<u>effective through March 18, 2022</u>) and the City of Washington, D.C. mask mandate (<u>effective through Feb. 28, 2022</u>), all participants will be required to wear a mask in all indoor settings including:

- Airports and buses
- Charter airplanes
- All modes of transportation (commercial flights, buses, D.C. Metro, ride-sharing vehicles)
- Restaurant and bars (unless seated to eat or drink)
- Hilton Capitol Hill Hotel lobby and event rooms (unless seated to eat or drink)
- U.S. House Congressional Offices (U.S. Senate Offices do not have the requirements in place)
- Museums
- All other indoor establishments affiliated with the trip itinerary

The Partnership Team will continue to monitor updated recommendations and requirements.



# What if I experience symptoms or test positive for COVID-19 before, during or after DMDC?



#### Before DMDC 2022:

If you have been diagnosed or are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 within 5 days of the trip, please notify Ryan Moon (rmoon@DSMpartnership.com) that you will not be able to attend DMDC 2022. Refunds are not guaranteed.

#### **During DMDC 2022:**

If you begin experiencing symptoms during DMDC, please quarantine in your hotel room and notify a Partnership Team Member. If you are diagnosed with COVID-19 while in D.C., per CDC requirements, participants will need to quarantine in their hotel room for at least five days. After the fifth day with improved symptoms, you can schedule a return flight to DSM. The quarantined hotel nights and return flight will be the participant's responsibility. (CDC guideline)

Nearby Rapid Test Site: <a href="https://www.medstarhealth.org/mhs/urgent-care/capitol-hill">https://www.medstarhealth.org/mhs/urgent-care/capitol-hill</a>

#### **Hotel Protocols for a Positive COVID-19 Test:**

- The hotel will notify the CDC, which will provide further guidance
- There will be no staff contact
- All requests for food, linens, etc. will be left outside the room
- The room will be placed out of commission for 72 hours upon departure
- The room will be decontaminated using Hilton and CDC guidelines

#### What are the dates for DMDC 2022?

Wednesday, May 11 – Friday, May 13, 2022

## Where can I find an itinerary?

An itinerary will be posted soon and will be updated periodically leading up to DMDC.

## What hotel will we be staying at in Washington, D.C.?

Hilton Capitol Hill Hotel, 525 New Jersey Ave. (Formerly the Washington Court Hotel)

#### How will we be transported around Washington, D.C.?

Buses are provided for charter plane attendants to the hotel and back to the airport. Other events included on the itinerary are within walking distance or will require the use of ride share, taxi services or mass transit systems.

#### What is the cost for DMDC 2022?

- Full DMDC Package: \$2,500 (Non-members \$2,700)
- Full DMDC Package, but sharing a room: \$2,200 (Non-members \$2,400)
- Flying to D.C. on charter, but staying at alternate hotel: \$2,000 (Non-members \$2,200)
- Securing own flight/travel to D.C., but staying at hotel: \$2,000 (Non-members \$2,200)
- Meet you in D.C. No hotel Conference Only: \$1,250 (Non-members \$1,450)
- Click <a href="here">here</a> to see if you are a Partnership Member





## Where can I register for DMDC 2022?

Click **here** to register for the trip.

## How can I pay for DMDC 2022?

To avoid potential refund fees, The Partnership will issue invoices for DMDC 2022 on Tuesday, April 5 which can be paid via check or a credit card. Payment must be submitted prior to departure on Wednesday, May 11. Cancellation must be made by Friday, April 8 for full refund Cancellations made after April 8 are not guaranteed a full or partial refund.

## May I register more than one person?

Yes, you can register for multiple participants at once.

## May I share a hotel room?

Yes, when you register for the trip, select that trip package and include the name of the individual with whom you will be sharing a room.

## May I bring a guest to DMDC functions?

Guests are invited to attend the Iowa Congressional Reception on Wednesday, May 11 at the Hall of States. Guests must purchase a conference ticket to attend all other DMDC programming.

## May I fly one-way flight on the charter?

Possibly. Reach out to Ryan Moon (<a href="moon@DSMpartnership.com">rmoon@DSMpartnership.com</a>) for one-way ticket availability for a on the charter plane.

## Do I have to take the charter plane?

No. While the charter plane is encouraged, you may book your own commercial travel.

#### What is the dress attire for the trip?

Business attire for majority of the trip. There are a few opportunities where more casual dress is appropriate.

#### May I book additional nights at the hotel?

Yes, based on availability. Contact Ryan Moon (<a href="mailto:rmoon@DSMpartnership.com">rmoon@DSMpartnership.com</a>) to secure additional nights at the Hilton Capitol Hill Hotel.

#### When is orientation for DMDC?

The date for DMDC 2022 orientation is Tuesday, May 3 from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and from 12 – 1 p.m. You only need to attend one of the sessions.



#### What is DMDC orientation?



DMDC orientation an informational session and an opportunity to ask questions about the trip itinerary in more detail along with networking with other participants prior to the trip.

## Will there be a virtual option?

No. We will not be offering a virtual option for DMDC 2022.

