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## **Covid-19 Protocols for DAV National Midwinter Meetings as of 2/15/22**

**Covid-19 Protocols for the Hotel:** Marriott Crystal Gateway Marriott asks guests who are not vaccinated to wear masks while in the public areas.

<https://whattoexpect.marriott.com/wasgw>

The Crystal Gateway Marriott website does *not* reflect special accommodations that have been made for our group. Please note the following:

- The airport shuttle will run every 30 minutes starting at 5:00am and ending at 11:30pm.
- The fitness center will be open 24 hours with an increased cleaning and disinfecting protocol.
- The Gift Shop has snacks, soda, fresh coffee and tea available 24 hours.
- The hotel restaurant 15th & Eads will be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner as follows:
  - Breakfast will have a limited menu and a full buffet from 6:30am to 10:30am
  - Lunch from 11:00 am to 1:30pm
  - Dinner will have a limited menu from 4:00 pm to 10:00pm

**Virginia:** (location of Regan National Airport, Crystal Gateway Marriott and various restaurants near the hotel): Virginia's newly elected governor removed most Covid-19 restrictions recently, masks indoors are recommended. You may view Virginia's current updates at these three links:

<https://www.stayarlington.com/travel-planning/travel-updates/>

[www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/get-the-latest-guidance/travel-to-areas-with-widespread-ongoing-community-spread/](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/get-the-latest-guidance/travel-to-areas-with-widespread-ongoing-community-spread/)

[www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/protect-yourself/mask-requirements-and-recommendation/](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/protect-yourself/mask-requirements-and-recommendation/)

**Washington DC:** Beginning February 15, 2022, indoor venues were no longer required by The District to verify that patrons were vaccinated and indoor mask requirements are being dialed back on March 1, 2022 (visit below links for full details). Other than visiting representatives on Capitol Hill (see below protocols specific to Capitol Hill), all DC establishments can easily be avoided by our members.

<https://washington.org/dc-information/coronavirus-travel-update-washington-dc>

### **Schedule Meetings with Your Elected Officials**

One of the most effective forms of lobbying is a personal visit with your elected officials. While there are Covid-19 restrictions in place for Capitol Hill visitors, many members of Congress are scheduling in-person meetings with constituents. However, if a member's office is only scheduling virtual meetings during that week, we encourage you to utilize that option to share DAV's 2022 legislative agenda [here](#). We do have limited space at the hotel during the conference to support scheduled Zoom calls/meetings with lawmakers. DAV will provide a room, laptop, camera, monitor and technical assistance for these calls on a first-come-first served basis.

Once you make your appointments with your elected officials for an in-person or virtual meeting, we request that the following information be provided to the legislative department no later than **Tuesday, Feb. 15**, via email to [LegislativePublic@davmail.org](mailto:LegislativePublic@davmail.org).

1. The names and titles of DAV/DAV Auxiliary members attending conference.
2. Dates, times and room numbers of any in-person congressional appointments, either member or staff appointments.
3. If a virtual meeting is scheduled, please send us the congressional office you are meeting with—along with the date, time and a link for the meeting. We will provide you the room location to conduct the call.
4. A list of any other planned activities with members of Congress.

### **Covid-19 Protocols for Capitol Hill**

Capitol Hill is not bound by DC's Covid-19 restrictions as they have their own rules. While each individual senator and representative's office may enhance Covid-19 protocols, mask wearing and social distancing is the primary guidance at present. You may view the general congressional guidance at the two following links:

<https://www.house.gov/feature-stories/2020-3-10-coronavirus-information-and-faqs>

<https://cha.house.gov/coronavirus#For%20House%20Offices>