This COVID Policy is subject to change based on federal, state and local government mandates.

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COVID VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

Attendees at KinkFest 2027 must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 **OR** must take an at-home rapid test and receive a negative result at the time of their onsite admission to KinkFest. Instructions on our testing procedure for those not fully vaccinated will be sent out to attendees via email at least 1 week prior to KinkFest.

KinkFest is defining *'fully vaccinated'* as **one** of the following:

HAVE RECEIVED VACCINATION PREVIOUS TO SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

- 2 original Moderna COVID-19 vaccine shots and any 1 booster shot
- 2 original Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine shots and any 1 booster shot
- 1 original Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine shot and any 1 booster shot

OR

IF FIRST VACCINATION RECEIVED AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

- 1 current year **or** 2024-2025 Moderna COVID-19 vaccine shot administered after September 11, 2026
- 1 current year **or** 2024-2025 Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine shot administered after September 11, 2026
- 1 dose of the 2024–2025 or newer Novavax vaccine shot unless you are receiving a COVID-19 vaccine for the very first time. If you have never received any COVID-19 vaccine and you choose to get Novavax, you need 2 doses of 2024–2025 or newer Novavax COVID-19 vaccine to be up to date.

PROOF OF COVID VACCINATION

Vaccination Encouragement and Acceptable Proof

KinkFest strongly encourages all attendees, volunteers, presenters, staff, and vendors to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 with the most current vaccine available to them. Sufficient proof of vaccination status includes a state- or federally issued vaccine card, a legible photograph of a vaccine card, a paper or a digital vaccine record. Oregon residents can obtain their COVID vaccination record at https://myelectronicvaccinecard.oregon.gov. Attendees from other regions, including those travelling from outside the United States, are encouraged to search online using their state, province, or country name and "COVID vaccine status" to access local records. Proof of vaccination may be requested at registration.

Testing for Attendees Without Proof of Vaccination

Attendees who arrive at KinkFest without proof of COVID vaccination will be required to complete on-site testing before they are admitted to the event. These attendees must bring a sealed, unused at-home COVID-19 rapid test kit on their first day of entry to the convention and will be asked to take the test at, or immediately adjacent to, Registration. A member of our team will visually confirm the result; if the result is negative, the attendee may complete check-in and receive their badge.

Retesting and Positive, Invalid, or Inconclusive Results

If the first at-home test result is positive, invalid, or inconclusive, the attendee may complete one additional at-home rapid test on site. This second test must also be an at-home rapid test kit that is sealed and unused prior to testing. If an attendee does not have an additional test available, they may leave to obtain one and return to Registration for retesting. If the second test result is negative, the attendee may complete check-in and receive their badge. If the second test result is positive, invalid, or inconclusive, the attendee will not be permitted to attend KinkFest 2027, and the event's COVID-related refund policy (including any documentation requirements) will apply. Attendees who decline to test, arrive without a test and do not obtain one, or are unable to produce a negative test result on site will not be admitted to the event.

Community Care and Event Values

The safety of our attendees, presenters, staff, and volunteers remains a top priority for KinkFest. As part of our ongoing commitment to community care, we will continue to implement health protocols in alignment with public health guidance and our event's values. Our vaccination and on-site testing requirements are intended to reduce risk, support informed consent, and help our community make thoughtful decisions about their participation in the event.

Test kits will **not be provided** by KinkFest, and attendees who do not bring a test kit will not be permitted to enter the event until they can obtain and complete a test with a negative result.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation and shared commitment to keeping our community safe.

TEMPERATURE CHECKS & TESTING

KinkFest 2027 will not require daily temperature checks.

Attendees are encouraged to check their temperatures daily and refrain from attending if they present with an abnormally high temperature from their baseline or a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher (as defined by the CDC). If an attendee becomes ill and tests positive for COVID-19, they will receive a prorated refund for the day(s) they are unable to attend, after proof of the positive COVID-19 home test result is sent to membership@kinkfest.org. Refunds will be processed after the event and may take up to two weeks to be reflected on your bank or credit card statement.

Daily testing for COVID-19 is optional but highly recommended as a way to care for our community. KinkFest encourages all attendees to test daily before arriving on site as a method of community care. Attendees that show proof of daily home testing will receive a special sticker prize each day provided by our Community Team!

MASKS

KinkFest encourages, but does not require, wearing N-95, KN-95, or surgical masks during KinkFest. Masks will be available at check-in and our info desks.

COVID REFUND POLICY

KinkFest will offer full refunds from March 10th to March 26th, 2027 with proof of a positive COVID-19 molecular lab test result dated March 10th to March 26th, 2027. Attendees must email **membership@kinkfest.org** to request a refund or to donate their registration to cover admission for a work-study volunteer. Refunds will be processed after the event and may take up to two weeks to be reflected on your bank or credit card statement.

In the event the PLA or KinkFest changes the COVID policy without a government mandate, KinkFest will offer 95% refunds, for 30 days after attendees are notified of the policy change, to those who do not wish to comply with the COVID policy change. COVID policy changes mandated by the government will not change the KinkFest Refund Policy.