



**Big "I" Fall Leadership Conference
Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino
& Niagara Falls Convention Center
Niagara Falls, NY
September 11 – 19, 2022**

**Safety Precautions
As of June 8, 2022**

The safety of our meeting attendees is paramount. We are taking the following precautions, adhering to current Niagara Falls, NY [guidelines](#) and [CDC recommendations and checklists](#).

Acknowledgement of Enhanced Safety and Health Measures:

- Registration and attendance at, or participation in, the Big "I" Fall Leadership Conference in person constitutes an agreement by the registrant to abide by IIABA's and the host property's efforts to comply with current CDC recommendations (and any Niagara Falls, NY requirements) and to engage in certain health-and-safety-beneficial conduct while attending the event as requested by IIABA or the hotel/convention center venue (including wearing a mask indoors in public if you are in an area of substantial or high transmission, not attending the event if feeling sick, showing certain symptoms or after being exposed to an individual with COVID-19).

Guidelines and Precautions

General Information

- All attendees are encouraged to bring their own personal protective equipment (e.g. masks and hand sanitizer) for their personal use.
- Name badges will be pre-stuffed in badge holders and a lanyard will be included in the name badge envelope.
- Ribbons will be present in the registration area but no other materials will be available.
- It's mandatory to accept the meeting waiver located on the event registration site prior to attending the meeting.

Face Mask and Social Distancing

- CDC guidance for wearing a mask is now based upon your COVID-19 community level. Per the CDC website, "[COVID-19 Community Levels](#) are a new tool to help communities decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data. [Levels can be low, medium, or high](#) and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area. Take precautions to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 based on the COVID-19 Community Level in your area." In a low or medium level community, people may choose to wear a mask but they're not required; in a high level community, people should wear a mask indoors. Niagara County, NY currently has a medium community level. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask regardless of community level.

General Hotel & Convention Center Cleanliness

- In an effort to enable safe travel, the Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino supports the American Hotel & Lodging Association's [Safe Stay Guidelines](#).
- Touchless hand sanitizer stations are located around the hotel and convention center.
- Public bathrooms will be cleaned frequently (more than once an hour).

COVID-19 Response and Protocols

- Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino - if a guest begins to feel ill, he/she will be strongly encouraged to contact health authorities in order to be tested for COVID-19. Prior to and after being tested, a guest with a suspected or confirmed case will be required to remain in his/her guest room until the guest can depart from the hotel to return home or go to a medical facility. If a guest tests positive, the hotel strongly encourages the guest to seek a medical facility as the hotel is not designed or equipped to handle medical care. If a guest is under quarantine, the guest may reach out to the front office to talk through options for food delivery outside his/her guest room door. Once vacated, a room occupied by a guest who is suspected of having or has been diagnosed with COVID-19 will be removed from service to undergo a detailed cleaning protocol. The guest room will not be returned to service until the room has been disinfected, and consistent with the guidance issued by local health authorities.
- Niagara Falls Convention Center - if a guest is presumed to have, is exhibiting symptoms of, or is lab-diagnosed with COVID-19, a Niagara Falls Convention Center security department representative will escort the attendee to a designated area and/or coordinate engagement with the Department of Health. In the event of a known exposure, the convention center will deep clean all known points of contact/exposure and re-clean impacted common and high-traffic areas on property regardless of when they were last cleaned.

Hospitals:

Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center
621 10th Street
Niagara Falls, NY 14301
(716) 278-4000
(.7 miles/3 minutes driving)

Mount St. Mary's Hospital
5300 Military Road
Lewiston, NY 14092
(716) 297-4800
(5.8 miles/14 minutes driving)

Urgent Care:

WellNow Urgent Care
7432 Niagara Falls Boulevard
Niagara Falls, NY 14304
(716) 371-4260
(4.2 miles/12 minutes driving)

Niagara Falls Urgent Care and Primary Care
3117 Military Road #2
Niagara Falls, NY 14304
(866) 389-2727
(4.5 miles/12 minutes driving)

Test Facilities:

Please check [CVS.com](https://www.cvs.com) for the closest store.

Guest Rooms

- Every guest room is thoroughly cleaned and disinfected prior to your arrival. During your stay, your guest room won't be serviced unless requested.
- Coffee makers and minifridges remain in guest rooms. All paper (menus, magazines, etc.) has been removed.
- Early check-in and late check-out will be *extremely* limited as housekeeping requires additional time to clean rooms in-between guests.

Meeting Spaces

- Meeting rooms are disinfected after each meeting. Please do not leave anything in the meeting rooms when you leave.
- Water stations are not available due to current recommendations. Bottled water will be available in the event space if provided by the group. At the hotel, bottled water is also available at the Odds and Ends Market, located on the lobby level.
- Social distancing signage is present.
- Pens and writing pads won't be available.

Meal Functions

- A meal served buffet style in the past will now have food stations and will be set-up cafeteria style with hotel or convention center staff serving attendees (partitions and plexiglass will be present).
- Some coffee stations will be staffed by hotel or convention center team members and others will be self-service.

Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino Miscellaneous/Other

- Valet parking and self-parking are available.
- Elevator information:
 - *Elevator button panels are disinfected at frequent intervals.
 - *No limit on the number of guests allowed per elevator, but 4 guests are recommended.