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University of Missouri
Columbia, MO

Covid-19 Safety Planning and Policies

The Interdisciplinary Plant Group (IPG) and the University of Missouri (MU) are extremely committed to the safety and well-being of all participants of the IPG 2022 symposium “*Enhancing the Resilience of Plant Systems to Climate Change*”. We recognize that the circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic continue to evolve, and we cannot predict what the on-the-ground conditions will be in Columbia, MO at the end of May 2022. However, we will do all that we can to ensure the safety of all meeting attendees and hope we will be able to host an in-person meeting. Of course, we will pivot to a virtual meeting if the situation warrants it.

At this time, we cannot provide specific details regarding the safety precautions that will be necessary to provide a safe, in person meeting environment in May 2022. We will be updating this document as the situation evolves and/or the meeting date approaches.

In general, all in-person attendees will be **required** to follow, at a minimum, all the University of Missouri safety requirements (<https://renewal.missouri.edu/safety-expectations/>) as well as the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>) that are in place at the time of the event. We also most strongly encourage vaccination for all in-person attendees as the most effective way to protect yourself and all other meeting attendees. The meeting organizers may require additional safety precautions (e.g., masking) during the meeting as well.

We are making every effort to organize the meeting activities to allow for social distancing and outdoor alternatives during events, when possible.

More information on Covid cases at MU and in Columbia, Missouri can be found at the following links:

- MU Covid Dashboard - <https://renewal.missouri.edu/student-cases/>
- Columbia (Boone Co), Missouri Covid Information Hub - <https://gocolumbiamo.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=478880b83d5e4d35b646d80fe6f2c2f6>

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the meeting co-chairs; David Braun (braundm@missouri.edu) and Jeff Wood (woodjd@missouri.edu). If you have any medical/health conditions that we should be made aware of to ensure they can be fully accommodated, please contact Vicki Bryan, IPG Coordinator (bryanyj@missouri.edu, 573-884-9320) or Bob Sharp, IPG Director (sharp@missouri.edu, 573-882-1841).