

Statement on the Withdrawal of January and February 2022 Conferences

January 6, 2022

The emergence of the Omicron variant and the rising cases of COVID-19 in the last several weeks have created significant cause for concern as we approached our winter conference season. The Executive Committee of the GRC Board of Trustees discussed these recent developments and the potential impacts they may have on our communities scheduled to gather in the winter months at our California and Italy venues.

The safety of our attendees is always our top priority, so out of an abundance of caution, **the board has made the difficult decision to withdraw all January and February 2022 conferences.** We will continue to assess this latest variant and its potential impacts on the remainder of the 2022 season, but are hopeful we will launch the 2022 season in March.

If your conference community has been affected by these withdrawals, please check your email, as you will be notified in the coming days of the status of your registration and refunds. We will be in touch in the new year regarding the conference chair's decision to reschedule the conference later in 2022 or 2023 or defer the meeting until 2024.

Thank you for your continued support of Gordon Research Conferences, and your understanding as we navigate these difficult times.



Vaccination Policy and COVID-19 Protocols

GRC is requiring proof of a COVID-19 vaccination and booster shot (if eligible) from all registered attendees, speakers and guests.*



GRC will accept proof of the following types of vaccinations listed below:

- ◆ AstraZeneca/Oxford
- ◆ Johnson & Johnson
- ◆ Pfizer/BioNTech
 - ◆ Moderna
 - ◆ Sinopharm
 - ◆ Sinovac
 - ◆ Covishield
 - ◆ Covaxin

You are considered fully vaccinated against COVID-19 at least 14 days after your second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine (or other COVID-19 vaccinations recognized by the WHO or at least 14 days after your single dose of the Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine). Individuals are eligible for a booster shot 2-6 months after the primary vaccination series.

Masks are required in all conference spaces, except when eating or drinking.

GRC will provide reusable masks to attendees and guests upon check-in, and recommends the use of KN95 or N95 masks while attending a conference.



Dining options include eating in the dining room, outside (weather permitting), or taking meals to guest rooms using containers provided by the venue.

Poster sessions will be spaced out as much as possible and may flow into multiple rooms. There will be rotating viewing times for posters based on the number of participants and posters presented.

Please review our [venue information pages](#) for information on testing near the conference venue, and travel with rapid tests if possible. Unfortunately, GRC is unable to provide on-site testing.



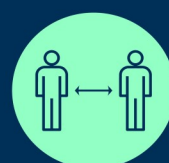
*Except in cases where exemptions based on medical or religious grounds are determined to be appropriate by GRC's Executive Committee. In cases of granted exemptions, proof of a negative COVID-19 test will be required prior to and during the conference week. If a child will be accompanying you to the conference as a guest and is under the age of 12, proof of a negative COVID-19 test will be required in lieu of a vaccination record for those 2 years of age or older.



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