



AASHTO Duty of Care for On-Site Assessments

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The safety of our customers and laboratory assessors is AASHTO's prime concern as we return to on-site assessments. So that assessments can be conducted in a safe environment, AASHTO is committed to the following:

- All AASHTO representatives who will be performing on-site assessments will be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Evidence of vaccination has been obtained and verified and is maintained with AASHTO's Human Resources Division.
- AASHTO representatives will follow, at a minimum, [CDC Guidance for Fully Vaccinated People](#), CDC guidelines for [Domestic Travel During COVID-19](#), and all local/state/county ordinances relevant to COVID-19 and the assessment activities.
- AASHTO representatives will comply with safety policies and guidelines specific to your laboratory, including mask wearing, social distancing, handwashing, and other policies and guidelines relevant to the laboratory assessment.
- All AASHTO representatives have signed a written agreement indicating that they will not conduct on-site assessments or arrive in-person at a customer facility for any reason if they have:
 - Tested positive for COVID-19 or have been asked to remain at home by a medical practitioner, due to COVID-19 related symptoms;
 - Been in close contact with a person with COVID-19 within the last 14 days and has not received a negative result on a viral COVID-19 test performed 3-5 days after the exposure;
 - Or experienced at least one of the following COVID-19 symptoms in the last 14 days and has not received a negative result on a viral COVID-19 test performed after the onset of the symptoms: fever at or above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, coughing, shortness of breath, chills, or sore throat.

So that assessments can be conducted in a safe environment, we ask that laboratories receiving an on-site assessment commit to the following:

- The laboratory shall provide the safety policies and guidelines relevant to the assessment and specific to the site and company undergoing assessment by AASHTO. This information shall be shared with the laboratory assessor(s) visiting the facility prior to their arrival.
- The laboratory shall immediately report to AASHTO any exposure of the laboratory assessor to an individual with suspected or confirmed COVID-19. Also, the laboratory shall immediately report when a laboratory employee who worked with the AASHTO assessor begins [exhibiting COVID-19 related symptoms](#).

Any concerns regarding this policy shall be directed to:

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