

# RCAP 2022 NATIONAL CONFERENCE KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Thank you for registering for the 2022 RCAP National Conference. Here are the things that you need to know before the Conference:

- 1) The conference will be held at the [Hilton Columbus Downtown](#), 401 N High St
- 2) Parking:
  - Self-parking:
    - i) The closest garage is the Vine Street Garage, 401 Vine St. Columbus, Ohio 43251. When you enter the garage take a white ticket. When exiting the garage, stop by the payment kiosk, insert the white ticket and follow payment instructions. **There are no in/out privileges with self-parking.** Payment is due upon each exit.
  - Valet parking:
    - i) With the hotel is \$40 per night with unlimited in and out privileges.
- 3) Please review the RCAP National Conference [Meeting Health & Safety Protocols page](#) for health and safety requirements and recommendations before traveling. RCAP is working with [Vital Circle](#) to manage key elements of the onsite health and safety plan, including COVID-19 vaccination and test credentialing. To attend the RCAP National Conference, you must show proof of either full vaccination or a negative COVID-19 PCR or at-home test result within 72 hours of the first day of the event. Please submit your vaccination card/negative test to Vital Circle's [secure vaccination portal](#). Masking is encouraged in all indoor RCAP events.
- 4) Hotel Covid protocols:
  - Housekeeping is wiping down high touch areas such as restrooms, door handles and stair rails twice a day
  - There will be touchless hand sanitizer stations dispensing 80% alcohol hand sanitizer set up at key locations
  - Water stations in the foyers with pads, pens, mints and water
  - All tables will be covered with linen
  - Currently there is not a mask mandate in the state of Ohio or the City of Columbus. Guests and employees are welcome and encouraged to wear masks in public spaces.
  - If a guest does get COVID while on property, the hotel will do everything in their power to accommodate a longer stay. The rate would be at the group rate of \$122/ per night.
  - After the guest checks out, the hotel will put a 24 hour hold on the room and fog for contaminants. They have in room dining from 7am-10pm and the guest may have food delivered to their door. The hotel will take each situation as it arises and understands the difficult situation guests are placed in.

- 5) Badges will be provided on-site at the RCAP Registration Desk to Covid verified registrants. Badges MUST always be worn when attending RCAP sessions and events. RCAP reserves the right to deny entrance to those without a proper badge. If your badge requires changes, please visit the registration desk at George Bellows Prefunction on the Lower Level. Registration hours are:
- Monday, August 15, 7:30 AM–7:00 PM
  - Tuesday, August 16, 7:00 AM–6:30 PM
  - Wednesday, August 17, 7:00 AM–5:00 PM
  - Thursday, August 18, 7:00 AM–5:00 PM
- 6) Materials Pickup:
- Badges, lanyards, and disposable masks will be available for pickup at the RCAP Registration Desk.
- 7) Field Days:
- What to Expect:
    - i) Expect a stroll in the park as you go from training site to training site. You will be learning about hydrants, valves, meters, manhole, pipeline, and smoke testing inspections.
  - Dress Code:
    - i) Check the weather and dress weather appropriately.
    - ii) It never rains on Field Day, hard enough for us to cancel so always be prepared if it starts.
  - Safety Gear:
    - i) You will be observing the events in the in the park, not practicing in the right of way so nothing will be needed other than sensible footwear.
    - ii) Especially if it has or starts to rain because you will be walking on grass near equipment and manholes.
    - iii) Some of the equipment requires the running of a lawn mower type engine so if you are sensitive to noise, you might want to have some ear plugs or earmuffs of some kind.
- 8) Rumpke Material Recycling Tour
- What to Expect:
    - i) Single stream (mixed) recyclables are sorted at Rumpke's Material Recovery Facility (MRF). During a walking tour, guests will learn about single stream sorting technology and see recyclables sorted, separated and baled. The tour also includes an explanation of acceptable and unacceptable recyclables and an overview of Rumpke's recycling operation.
  - Dress Code:
    - i) Guests are required to wear closed-toe, flat, firm-sole shoes with backs (no sandals, flip-flops or heels). Long pants and long sleeves are recommended. Please avoid wearing clothing that may snag. Guests who do not abide by the dress code may not be permitted inside the facility.
  - Safety Gear:
    - i) Guests wear a vest, safety glasses and hard hat. One-way audio headphones and small radios are used to communicate during the tour.
- 9) Be sure to visit the [Experience Columbus](#) website for dining and things to do in Columbus
- 10) Please visit the [Conference website](#), for the latest Agenda, speaker and sponsor information.

See you in Columbus!