# STAYING SAFE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

While COVID-19 transmission and infection rates vary widely across the country for a variety of reasons, the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) has stated that *"the more people an individual interacts with at a gathering and the longer that interaction lasts, the higher the potential risk of becoming infected with COVID-19 and COVID-19 spreading."* Let's demonstrate the 7<sup>th</sup> Cooperative Principle of Concern for Community and all do our part!

## WHAT NRECA IS DOING AS THE HOST OF THIS EVENT:

NRECA, working with [Name of Venue] to follow local and state requirements and CDC recommended practices, is conducting this event with protocols aimed at limiting COVID-19 transmission risks, including:

- Room layouts modified to enable social distancing
- Modified food and beverage service
- Providing hand sanitizer and disposable masks
- Signs to provide reminders of protective measures
- Extended or staggered breaks
- Requirement for all attendees to perform a self-health check

For more information on [Name of Venue]'s protocols, see: [include link to hotel protocols web page].

### WHAT WE'RE ASKING YOU TO DO AS A PARTICIPANT:

When deciding whether to register and attend: If you have any underlying health conditions or other risk factors that raise your likelihood of contracting COVID-19, you may want to reconsider attending this or other events at this time. Please see the CDC web site for more information: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/index.html

### Conduct a self-health check prior to and upon your arrival and each day of the event:

(1) Do you have any of the following symptoms?

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Muscle aches
- New loss of taste or smell
- Congestion or runny nose

- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

(2) In the last 14 days, have you been in close contact with someone that has been diagnosed with COVID-19 when that person was contagious? (Close contact = within 6 feet for more than 10-15 minutes.)

If your answer to either of these questions is yes, then:

- Please stay away from the Event spaces and other participants.
- Contact your doctor, or if you want to seek medical care here, please contact [the hotel concierge] at \_\_\_\_\_\_ for information.

### While at the event, you agree to:

- Follow the Venue's guidelines and protocols
- Keep Your Distance =
  - Stay a minimum of 6 feet apart from other people
  - No handshakes, hugs, fist-bumps or high fives
- Protect Yourself =
  - Wear your mask
  - Avoid touching your face
  - Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer frequently
  - Don't share things with others (pens or pencils, phones, chargers, ear buds, etc.)
  - Open doors w/touchless keys, paper towels or tissues

While they may be inconvenient or even somewhat uncomfortable, these measures help to protect you and everyone around you, including other event participants, venue staff and other guests.

### Your acknowledgement:

I understand that despite the measures being taken by NRECA and the Venue, COVID-19 is highly contagious and there is an inherent risk that I may contract COVID-19 while participating in this event and I knowingly assume that risk. Further, I accept sole responsibility should I become infected with COVID-19 while attending this event.

In addition to all other rules of conduct and regulations that apply to my attendance and participation in this event, I agree to comply with all COVID-19 related procedures implemented by NRECA or the Venue in order to protect as much as possible my health and safety and that of all the other event participants.