



The CDTRP Scientific Meeting will proceed as a hybrid event with the opportunity of attending in person or virtually.

For both virtual and in person attendees, we aim to provide a safe, productive, and welcoming environment for all participants. This policy was developed through consultation with CDTRP Patient and Family partners and informed by best practices in accessibility. If there is anything CDTRP can do to improve your experience, please let us know by contacting info@cdtrp.ca.

CDTRP 2026 Scientific Meeting Accessibility Plan

COMMITMENT TO ACCESSIBILITY

CDTRP is committed to making our event accessible and inclusive for all participants. Accessibility considerations are integrated into event planning, registration, communications, venue selection, and on-site support. The CDTRP welcomes feedback and accommodation requests at all stages of the event.

CDTRP encourages events held alongside our Scientific Meeting to align with this policy. Partnered events led by other investigators or organizations may decide to apply different practices. Any differences will be communicated during registration, so delegates know what to expect before attending.

REGISTRATION REQUESTS

If there is anything CDTRP can do to improve your registration experience, please let us know by contacting info@cdtrp.ca. A CDTRP staff member will follow up directly with you.

MANAGING INFECTIOUS RISKS

MASKING REQUIREMENTS

Masks will be required for **all participants** at the CDTRP Scientific Meeting. Masks must be worn indoors except while actively eating or drinking, or if you are a speaker at the podium. All of the venue staff members will be asked to mask at all times when entering meeting/lunchrooms and interacting with participants.

A variety of high-quality mask styles will be available at the registration desk.





SYMPTOMS AND TESTING

If you have any symptoms of illness, please do not attend the meeting in-person. You are invited to join virtually from home or your hotel room. CDTRP will refund the registration fee for any participants who are unable to attend in person due to illness.

For individuals who develop symptoms during the meeting, support and rapid tests will be available by request by emailing info@cdtrp.ca.

VACCINATION REQUIREMENT

All participants registered to attend in person, whether as presenters, attendees, exhibitors, staff, guests, or vendors should be vaccinated for COVID-19 and influenza. Note that [NACI's strong recommendation for 2026](#) is that all individuals with underlying medical conditions, health care workers, and members of racialized groups – three groups who together represent most of the CDTRP community - receive a COVID-19 booster. Attendees will be asked to confirm they meet this requirement when registering for the meeting.

AIR QUALITY

The venue's ventilation system filters the air using a MERV 15 box filter, and the building's air quality is continuously monitored through IAQ data testing and analysis from the Kaiterra devices installed throughout the facility. MERV 15 filtration systems have been demonstrated to reduce transmission of respiratory viruses in group settings.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING AND MEALS AT THE VENUE

The plenary and dining rooms will be set up to allow for distanced seating. Meals will be served in a round-table setting with physically spaced tables.

Accommodations will be available for anyone who does not dine in a group setting - for example, takeout containers or access to a private room. To make arrangements, please contact CDTRP at the time of registration or reach out to a CDTRP Team Member at the registration desk.

OTHER PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

In order to minimize touchpoints, CDTRP Scientific Meeting materials will be available **electronically**. Attendees are encouraged to consult the CDTRP website to access program information. Printed copies will be available by request.

Cleaning and Hygiene: High-touch areas will be cleaned and sanitized regularly. Hand sanitizer stations will be positioned at key locations throughout the event.





Health and Safety Communication: Health and safety guidelines will be communicated on the on the CDTRP website when available, in pre-meeting messaging, and on-site event signage.

VENUE ACCESSIBILITY AND NAVIGATION

Event staff will be positioned at venue entrances to assist with wayfinding and direct attendees as needed.

The selected venue offers ample space and is suitable for individuals with mobility needs.

Specific information about the venue's accessibility can be found on their website:

<https://www.edmontonconventioncentre.com/our-location/accessibility/>.

The venue is 190m from the hotel and is a flat surface (no stairs). When you enter the venue, there is an escalator and an elevator to facilitate access to the meeting.

Should you require any assistance, please contact info@cdtrp.ca and a CDTRP team member will be pleased to support you.

PRIVATE AND LOW-STIMULATION SPACES

Attendees have access to a private support room. This room may be used for:

- Rest and recovery
- Managing sensory overload
- Nursing or pumping
- Health-related needs

Attendees may request access in advance by email to info@cdtrp.ca or at the registration desk, and a CDTRP Team Member will escort them to the space. Note that quiet spaces for professional needs (e.g. for meetings or calls) can also be accessed in advance by email or at the registration desk.

VISUAL ACCESSIBILITY

Reserved seating will be available at the front of the Plenary room for attendees requiring visual accommodations. Please contact CDTRP in advance by email or at the registration desk to reserve your spot.

Signage and presentation materials will:

- Use large, legible fonts.
- Avoid reliance on color alone to convey information.
- Printed material will be available at the registration desk upon request.





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HEARING ACCESSIBILITY

Assistive listening equipment will be available. Attendees can request this equipment in advance by contacting CDTRP prior to the event or visit the registration desk.

Closed captioning is available for virtual and in-person attendees (i.e. on a mobile device) when joining the meeting virtually.

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

For attendees with mobility challenges, access to meals at the place of accommodation is recognized as a necessity. CDTRP confirms:

- The hotel provides Room Service from 7am to 9:30pm.
- External food (for example, Uber Eats) can be delivered to the hotel, but staff are not permitted to deliver the external food to the guest rooms.

