

The WEMTA Board and Conference Committee are excited to welcome you to the Kalahari for the return of our annual conference March 6th-8th, 2022! After hosting a virtual conference in 2021 due to pandemic conditions, we hope you will join us this coming Spring to participate in amazing face-to face networking and professional development opportunities.

We understand that current conditions as well as local school district decisions may cause hesitancy about registering, especially in light of the possibility of cancellation. Unless a stay-at-home order is issued, this in-person conference will take place so we strongly encourage you to safely join us! WEMTA faces a significant, and potentially devastating, \$37,000 fee from the conference center if we decide to cancel on our own due to insufficient registration.

As with other conferences, our primary concern is to provide this amazing opportunity as safely as possible. Although we will not have sufficient staff to check and document vaccination status of our conference attendees or enforce a mask mandate, we ask that you assist us with the following safety measures to provide the best possible experience for all.

- Follow masks requirements posted by the hotel/conference center. Although we do not know what these will be in March, we strongly recommend coming prepared to mask in all public areas of the hotel. *We hope that by strongly encouraging attendees to wear a mask at all times, you will assist our efforts to help keep everyone safe and feeling comfortable during their conference experience.*
- During the conference, please monitor yourself daily for symptoms of COVID-19 and stay in your room if you feel unwell.
- If you are feeling ill or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 prior to the conference please remain home and attend virtually if possible. Changes in registration status will be handled on a case by case basis and may include an appropriate refund for the change. Any changes made after March 1, 2022 may not include a refund due to contractual obligations with the venue.

The Conference Committee will also work closely with the staff of the Kalahari to ensure the safest experience for attendees as well. This may include seating arrangements, dining protocols, and cleaning protocols as available based on current transmission rates.

We hope that these measures will help reduce concerns with our face to face conference. We will continue to monitor the situation carefully and will communicate any changes to masking mandates or other health precautions closer to the conference.

Thank you for being an important part of our organization and profession! We look forward to seeing you safely in March!