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Welcome to the ABSA International Biosafety and Biosecurity Training Course (BBTC)

The coronavirus pandemic has affected every avenue of our lives and that includes in-person training. The instructors of the BBTC continue to prepare a unique course which also includes provisions and expectations to ensure the safety of all attendees. Please review the information below as you are making your travel arrangements:

- All instructors and attendees must attest in writing that they are fully vaccinated against SARS-CoV-2: namely, one dose of the J&J vaccine by July 18 or the second dose of Pfizer/Moderna vaccine by July 18th. **Participants need to submit this document no later than July 26, 2021.**
- The class size for this session is limited to allow for physical distancing between participants and to comply with state of CO occupancy guidance for indoor activities.
- Guidelines for the conduct of the course include:
 - Each student will be asked to sign an attestation that they will follow a Code of Conduct reflective of expected behaviors to prevent transmission of SARS-CoV-2.
 - This Code of Conduct includes limiting contact outside of class to other students, instructors, and family members who may have accompanied a student to Pittsburgh.
 - Participants need to submit this document no later than July 9.
 - Disinfection of personal seating area before and after use, limited seat changes.
 - Physical distancing during class, meals and group exercises.
 - Mandatory use of masks except while eating or drinking.
 - In accordance with CDC guidance, masks with exhalation valves, single layer masks, masks made of thin fabric that don't block light and masks with gaps around the sides of the face or nose are not acceptable. (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/types-of-masks.html>)
 - Frequent handwashing/use of hand sanitizer.
 - Completion of daily health check questionnaires. The daily questionnaire will be required before the start of each daily session
 - A participant will be asked to leave the course if he/she displays the known symptoms of COVID-19.
 - Students are urged to bring their own computers to limit use of paper, however, paper backup packets will be available.

- Commitment from the Hilton to follow their established cleaning/disinfection practices during the course
- Emergency response plan and contact tracing strategy (students must agree to participate in contact tracing, if necessary).
- Participants are expected to self-assess and avoid travel if they are displaying symptoms or are unsure. Contact the ABSA Office immediately.

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