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.
    
    
    ▪ 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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