



## **Frequently Asked Questions about Registering for the AGM & Annual Training Forum**

### **What can I expect to receive as an ATF participant this year?**

ATF participants will have access to

- The BCSTH Annual General Meeting on Tues., Oct. 18
- Program Meetings on Tues., Oct. 18
- 2.5 days of keynotes, presentations, lunch n' learn sessions, and workshops by leaders in our sector, running from Wed., Oct. 19 to Fri., Oct. 21
- Networking opportunities, including Meet the BCSTH team and a Reception & Queer as Funk Concert
- Exhibitors and vendors

### **What COVID-19 protocols will you be following?**

We are delighted to be shifting from our virtual gatherings back to an in-person event this year. The health and safety of our members, the ATF attendees, and the BCSTH Team is paramount. We are closely monitoring all public health orders to ensure it will be safe to proceed as planned. Part of our planning process for the ATF is incorporating COVID-19 safety protocols and following all provincial health mandates.

We have capped in person attendance at 71% of pre-COVID levels.

Any updates to our COVID-19 event safety plan will be distributed to the membership and posted to the ATF website. For the most up to date COVID-19 information and guidelines, please visit the [COVID-19 information page](#) on the BCSTH website.

As of April 8, 2022, wearing masks in public indoor settings is not required by the BC public health office. Wearing a mask is a personal choice. For example, masks are encouraged on public transit and BC Ferries, but not required. Individual businesses and event organizers can choose to continue requiring masks on their premises.

At this time, we recommend that ATF attendees wear masks if they are able to do so, and we will provide free surgical/disposable masks at the registration table throughout the ATF, as well as hand sanitizer within all presentation rooms and access to rapid antigen tests

### **How do I approach booking my hotel accommodations for the ATF?**

You will need to book your hotel room on your own, following your registration for the ATF. If you would like to stay at the [Radisson Hotel](#) (the ATF venue), you will need to indicate to hotel staff which nights you will be staying (anywhere from one to five nights between Monday, Oct. 17 and Fri., Oct. 21, 2022). BCSTH has held a block of hotel rooms with the Radisson, and so anyone who would like to book a room(s) during the ATF dates will require a special instructions for how to do so. These will be shared



with you upon registering through the online PheedLoop registration platform. The cost of rooms while they are being held is \$169.

### **How will my experience be different as a virtual participant?**

All openings, keynotes, presentations, and closing remarks will be livestreamed for you to view at the same time as all other virtual and in-person conference participants. This will give you an opportunity to ask questions virtually during the Question & Answer portions towards the end of these offerings.

The workshops will not be livestreamed, however, if the presenters agree, they will be recorded. All workshop recordings will be made available to all ATF registrants after the conclusion of the ATF.

Virtual participants will also have access to a virtual version of our Meet the BCSTH Team networking event.

### **Where can I find information about the speakers at ATF 2022?**

All information about the speakers who will be present at ATF 2022 will be included in the PheedLoop registration platform, on the very same website where you will register for the conference.

### **How do I access specific presentations and workshops at the ATF?**

You will need to pre-register for presentations and workshops. These have maximum capacities (according to room capacity in the hotel), and so some workshops may become fully booked. You will need to check for availability, and potentially register for your second or third choice. Please be prepared to select the workshops that you would like to attend when you register, so you can have the greatest chance of getting your top picks. You will still have an opportunity to edit your workshop selections after you register and before registration closes (on October 7), but only for those workshops that still have open spaces, and only with the help of our Event Coordinator. As she will be working to balance all incoming scheduling requests, her response to your request may be delayed, and this may affect the availability of any open spots.

### **How do I access the Annual General Meeting?**

You will be able to pre-register for the AGM on the PheedLoop platform. This will show up as a separate ticket option from the Annual Training Forum presentations and workshops.