

## **2021 VADA ANNUAL MEETING COVID-19 STATEMENT**

VADA remains committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all who attend our 2021 Annual Meeting. We continue to monitor current guidance from federal, state, and local health authorities and government agencies relative to the COVID-19 pandemic. We continue, too, to work closely with the Marriott Resort Virginia Beach Oceanfront to promote appropriate health and safety measures for the benefit of those who attend.

The Marriott Resort Virginia Beach Oceanfront has implemented a variety of new protocols and elevated practices in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. All of these protocols and practices are designed to enhance the health and safety of hotel guests. At last report, the Marriott has been hosting conferences with hundreds of attendees each week, with no outbreaks.

In furtherance of our commitment, VADA will follow all COVID-19 safety protocols and mandates that are in place at the time of our Annual Meeting. We are requiring all attendees to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or, alternatively, to have tested negative for COVID-19 within 72 hours prior to the start of our Annual Meeting. Hand sanitizer stations will be provided throughout the venue. Social distancing will be required. We further strongly encourage the wearing of masks by all in attendance, regardless of vaccination or test status, during all indoor portions of the event.

The health and safety of our members, sponsors, speakers, and other Annual Meeting attendees remains our top priority. We recognize that the decision to attend our Annual Meeting, as with any in-person event, is a personal one involving many factors. While we look forward to seeing everyone at the Marriott Resort Virginia Beach Oceanfront this October, we encourage you to make the choice that best fits your personal comfort level and individual circumstances. Should circumstances require us to modify the schedule or format of our Annual Meeting, we will advise accordingly.