

North by Northwest Region 13 members,

The Region 13 Regional Management Team (RMT) and SET 2022 core committee have been actively monitoring COVID situations in Franklin County, WA (where the event will be held) and throughout our region. Approximately every two weeks the RMT has held formal checkpoints where data was reviewed, and decisions made related to the planned live event in August. During the July 10th checkpoint the RMT confirmed that they will continue to move forward with a live event in Pasco, WA and offer an option to remotely view a live broadcast of the Saturday sessions with Dale Syverson. The RMT will continue to monitor the situation leading up to the event and make adjustments if warranted.

Several factors, including the recent announcement from SAI regarding International Convention COVID protocols, CDC community ratings, and a comparison of cases, vaccination percentages, hospitalizations, and death rates have been reviewed. State health department recommendations and mandates were also taken into consideration. Some metrics show an increase in recent weeks - others are declining or remaining stagnant. While the RMT has a fiduciary responsibility to our membership, and we take this seriously, budget was not a key deciding factor for the COVID decisions related to SET 2022. Links to some of the data sources used in this decision are below.

The following is a summary of decisions and recommendations related to COVID protocol for Harmony on the Horizon SET 2022.

- Vaccinations, COVID testing, and masking are optional at the event. In consideration of other attendees, if you are experiencing COVID symptoms or have had a recent exposure to someone with COVID, please obtain a negative COVID test before attending SET events.
- If you have tested positive for COVID within the five days prior to the event, please be considerate of others and do not attend.
- If the above circumstances do not apply, individuals should wear masks based on personal preference, informed by personal or community level of risk. Based on recommendations from the CDC and the State of Washington Department of Health, attendees who are at a higher risk of severe COVID 19 are encouraged to wear masks while in attendance, especially when social distancing is not possible. For more information on masking recommendations, please see the

State of Washington website: [Mask/Face Covering Guidance During COVID-19 \(wa.gov\)](#)

- Attendees should be respectful of the choices of others related to distancing and masking. If a person's preference for physical closeness is not known, be sure to ask before acting.

We understand that attending a live event may not be something that everyone is ready or able to do. For this reason, we would like to offer those who have been waiting for this final notice, to have some additional time to consider their decision before closing Early Bird registration. We have extended the Early Bird registration to July 20th. We will also be offering a live broadcast, for a fee, of all Saturday classes for those who are unable to attend the live event. You may register on the regional website using the same registration link as the live event registration.

<https://sairegion13.org/SET22>

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Shelly Pardis, Region 13 Education Coordinator, or any member of the Region 13 RMT.

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[CDC Community Rating for Franklin County](#)

[NY Times Franklin County WA COVID tracker](#)

[State of Washington DOH – Masks and Face Coverings](#)

[State of Washington DOH – COVID 19 Data Dashboard](#)