**MHCA Health and Safety Requirements**

**MHCA Statement**

The Minnesota Home Care Association strongly supports COVID-19 vaccination of home care workers to protect our vulnerable patients and to keep our workforce safe and healthy. In representing the home care industry, we will continue to seek additional workforce shortage initiatives that will assist member agencies during this crisis. Minnesota Home Care Association (MHCA) will follow the health and safety practices mandated by the conference facility, or by applicable federal, state, and local authorities, whichever requires the most protection. Those practices and others will be determined closer to the date of the event. By attending this conference, participants agree to voluntarily assume all risk related to COVID-19 exposure and agree to not hold Minnesota Home Care Association liable for illness.

**Personal Accountability Commitment (Waiver)**
I commit to following MHCA’s COVID protocols, including but not limited to being responsible for my own infection control practices to keep the annual meeting a safe experience for all.

By registering I acknowledge that I am freely choosing to attend this event during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. I understand that I assume risk and release MHCA from any liability as it relates to contracting COVID-19. I agree to not attend any MHCA event if I feel ill or had recent exposure to COVID-19.

**Before the Conference**
1. If you are planning to attend the Conference but fall under one of these categories, we will ask that you not attend. Please email education@mnhomecare.org if you:

a. Have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days

b. Have symptoms of COVID-19

c. Were exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the last 7 days

**During the Conference**
1. Mask wearing at the event will be encouraged and optional.

2. Attendees will be expected to take common actions to reduce the risk of COVID transmission and to act responsibly (including leaving the event area) in the case of learning of a recent exposure to a COVID case or experiencing symptoms at the conference. If this occurs, please notify staff at the registration desk.

Protect yourself by frequent hand washing/sanitizing and minimizing face touching.

**After the Conference**
1. If you attended the Annual Meeting, please email education@mnhomecare.org if you test positive for COVID-19 within 7 days of the Conference ending.