**COVID-19 PROTOCOLS**

We are very excited to hold [VJLAP’s 17th Annual Fall Retreat](https://vjlap.org/event/17th-annual-vjlap-fall-retreat/) in-person in [Lynchburg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b3nU49cRx1M). In so doing we will be able to connect with colleagues we have not been able to see in a long time. We will also be bringing together many people from multiple households from all across the Commonwealth.

Both the [Virginian](https://www.thevirginianhotel.com/) and the [Craddock Terry](https://www.craddockterryhotel.com/) Hotels have instituted cleaning and disinfectant precautions to maintain a healthy environment for us. For our attendees, we want to do all we can to protect you and your loved ones from COVID-19. As such, we have adopted the following additional safety measures and protocols:

**Vaccination/Testing**

* We request all attendees to be fully vaccinated or to have a negative COVID-19 test (PCR or antigen test) within 72 hours prior to arrival with self-regulation of compliance.

**Stay Home/Quarantine when Appropriate**

* If you have (i) tested positive for COVID-19, (ii) have COVID-19 [symptoms](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html), or (iii) have had close contact with a person who has tested positive for or who has [symptoms](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html) of COVID-19, please stay home. We will transfer your in-person registration to virtual attendance.
* If, at any time during the Retreat, you begin to experience COVID-19 [symptoms](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html), please self-quarantine. We will transfer your registration to virtually attend the remainder of the Retreat. Also, please notify VJLAP staff to assist with notifications of those with whom you have had close physical contact.

**Masks**

* To maximize protection from the [Delta variant](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/delta-variant.html) and prevent possibly spreading it to others, we strongly encourage all attendees to wear a mask indoors when you are in a public area.
* Disposable masks will be available should anyone need one.

**Physical (Social) Distancing**

* The CDC recommends attendees to stay at least 6 feet away from people who do not live with them and discourage greetings with physical contact. It is recommended that attendees follow these recommendations.
* The rooms where Retreat events will be held have much larger capacities than anticipated attendance and will allow physical distancing as preferred.

**Special Accommodations**

* Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the Retreat event spaces.
* In case you need special accommodations, please let VJLAP staff know so alternative arrangements may be made to the fullest extent possible.

For additional information:

* [Centers for Disease Control](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html)
* [Virginia Department of Health](https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/schools-workplaces-community-locations/social-gatherings/)