

COVID-19 Preparedness and Frequently Asked Questions for Attendees

What are the general health recommendations during the Bone Curriculum Symposium as a result of the novel COVID-19 virus?

The following guidelines are set out by the WHO and the Belgian authorities:

- Frequently clean hands by using alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water;
- When coughing and sneezing cover mouth and nose with flexed elbow or tissue – throw the tissue away immediately and wash hands;
- Avoid close contact with anyone who has a fever and cough;
- If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing seek medical care early and share previous travel history with your health care provider.

What steps is the Bone Curriculum Symposium taking to help build confidence among participants?

- Hand sanitiser stations will be available in all toilet facilities on the premises. We encourage all attendees to stay informed on the basic protective measures the public can take, such as the ones listed by the WHO;
- This year, our meeting will be **handshake/kiss & hug-free** to minimise the potential transmission of any illness;
- In addition, microphone covers will be placed on all microphones being utilized;
- We will ensure that medical care is readily available to address immediate healthcare concerns of attendees.

Does the organisation have recommended travel and health safety tips for me to consider prior to arriving in Ghent?

- Attendees should not travel to Ghent to attend the Bone Curriculum Symposium if they are feeling unwell.

What are the first signs of infection of Covid-19?

Symptoms may include fever, cough, sore throat, nausea/vomiting, and difficulty breathing. Difficulty breathing is a sign of possible pneumonia and requires immediate medical attention. It can take up to 14 days for symptoms to show after a person has been infected.

What if I have concerns about recent development of symptoms on-site?

Our central point of contact will be at the registration desk, which is always staffed during the meeting hours.

What happens if detection occurs?

Once detection has occurred, event security in consultation with the organisation will notify venue security and the individual showing symptoms will be escorted to the first aid room for isolation.

In the case of a potential symptomatic individual, the nearby Ghent University Hospital will be notified and the control and evacuation procedure will be launched.