



Bonar Hall | Dundee, Scotland, UK

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Plant Microbiome Symposium

24th - 26th May 2022



## Duty of Care Plan

**Dundee & Angus**  
CONVENTION BUREAU  
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*Updated 16 May 2022*

We are delighted to welcome you to Dundee for the meeting. We want to keep everyone healthy and safe. The guidance in Scotland may differ from your home location, and we have worked closely with our partners to make everything as straightforward as possible. Now we ask you to become aware of the guidance to help keep everyone safe.

This document contains resources and key information about what we are doing to keep delegates attending the event as safe as possible.

We will update with any new information leading up to and including the event.

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## Covid in Scotland – as of 1 May 2022

- [All covid rules and restrictions have been lifted in Scotland](#), but the virus has not gone away.
- It may be that some settings will ask you to wear a face covering to access their venue - you should follow their guidance and signage.
- NHS Test & Protect, the Protect Scotland App will no longer alert you if you have been in close proximity with a COVID-19 positive person. Given the App can no longer provide close contact notifications, you should refer to [NHS Inform](#) for all the latest guidance and advice should you have any questions relating to

COVID-19 or suspect that you have symptoms and want to know what to do.

- Free Rapid Lateral Flow Tests are no longer generally available to members of the public.

We politely request all delegates to only attend if they are knowingly free of the virus, e.g. from a lateral flow test with a day of arrival. As microbiologists, we still recommend mask wearing in enclosed spaces.

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## Personal Accountability

By attending 3<sup>rd</sup> Plant Microbiome Symposium, you are agreeing to abide by and observe all the health and safety measures which include, but are not limited to, all of the measures above. You must not attend the event if you are ill or have recently been exposed to COVID-19.

Use 'Covid sense' to help protect yourself and others:

- Get your vaccine when offered to ensure you are fully protected.
  - When meeting indoors open windows to let fresh air in.
  - If you can, try and keep some distance from those outside your own household – take a step back.
  - It is recommended that you continue to wear a face covering in indoor public places and on public transport.
  - Clean your hands and surfaces regularly and cover your nose and mouth if coughing or sneezing.
  - If you have [COVID-19 symptoms](#) you should stay at home and follow the guidance on [NHS Inform on self-isolating](#).
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## Attending the Event

- On arrival, you will be able to select a coloured sticker to affix to your name badge (either red, yellow, or green) which indicates your level of comfort with space and social distancing. This traffic light system will be supported with signage around the conference venue reminding attendees to respect others' comfort levels.
    - **RED** 2-metre social distancing, no physical contact
    - **YELLOW** 1-metre social distancing, happy to be within groups and have conversations but prefer no physical contact
    - **GREEN** Comfortable with physical contact, for example handshakes etc
  - Sanitising stations will be available on arrival and throughout the venue – please use these as you move about your event.
  - Personal hand sanitiser – you are also encouraged to take your own sanitiser with you for personal use.
  - Masks – please bring your own masks and wear one at all times in public areas.
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## Conference & Social Events

- The conference and welcome drinks reception are being held at **Bonar Hall**, an approx. 10 minute walk to the city centre.  
[View Bonar Hall on Google Maps](#) (link opens in new window)
- The Social Evening is being held at **Discovery Point** for the **drinks reception**, an approx. 10 minute walk from the conference venue.  
[View Discovery Point on Google Maps](#) (link opens in new window) and **Malmaison Dundee** for the **dinner**, an approx. 2 minute walk from Discovery Point. View [Malmaison on Google Maps](#) (link opens in new window)

Read the [Malmaison health and wellbeing guidelines](#) (link opens in new window)

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## Travelling

You can find guidance on travelling safely in Scotland and around the UK from these information sources:

**UK Government** guidance – [Travelling safely to the UK](#) (link opens in new window)

### **Scottish Government**

No COVID-19 travel rules apply for entering Scotland.

If you're visiting Scotland from another country, [normal travel rules](#) apply. This means that you do not need to complete a Passenger Locator Form, take any COVID-19 tests or self-isolate after you arrive.

When returning home or travelling to other countries outside Scotland, you should check your own government's travel advice for further help. Even though Scotland does not have COVID-19 travel rules, other countries may.

### **Future changes to travel advice**

New COVID-19 travel rules in Scotland, or any other country, may be brought in at short notice. You should always check the latest advice for each country you're planning to travel to before booking your trip and before you go.

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## Travelling to Dundee

Download our [Travelling Made Easy Guide](#) for travelling to Dundee (opens as PDF document)

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## Travel in Dundee

Dundee is a compact city with many hotels and venues within walking distance to the conference venue reducing the need for the use of buses/taxis.

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## Accommodation Partners

To give you peace of mind that you're in safe hands, our accommodation partners have adopted enhanced cleaning procedures ensuring that they are providing a safe and clean environment for our guests stay.

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## Message from Dundee & Angus Convention

### Bureau about accessing Health Services in Scotland

We welcome all of our delegates to the region for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Plant Microbiome Symposium.

Your wellbeing and safety are important to us. If you feel unwell at any time during your stay in our region, you should:

- Contact the trained first aiders at the venue or in your accommodation

- Call the NHS on 111 for urgent but not emergency care 24 hours a day, for more information visit the [NHS24 website](#) (link opens in new window)
- Call the NHS on 999 for emergency calls only – for serious illness or injury or where life is at risk

Most accident and emergency (A&E) hospital departments are not currently accepting walk-in patients who are not serious emergencies, so you should always call the NHS on 111 or 999 (emergency). They will decide if you need an ambulance, an appointment at A&E or an appointment with a local doctor or health clinic.

## **Healthcare in Scotland for Overseas Visitors**

In Scotland, most health care is provided by the National Health Service (NHS).

If you are coming to Scotland, you may have to pay for any health care you need while you are here and should get travel insurance with medical cover before your trip.

[NHS Inform](#) tells you about the health care you may be able to get free from the NHS if you become ill or have an accident. Including information about:

- Can I get free NHS care while I am visiting Scotland?
  - What happens if I need treatment?
  - Is all healthcare free for NHS patients?
  - Will I need to pay if I need transport with medical support to get home?
  - What can I do if I run out of my medicines while I am in Scotland?
  - What to do if you're feeling unwell.
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