We want to make sure we are providing a safe environment for all of us, not only for all of you in attendance but also for the MOA staff, hotel staff, vendors, families back home, and coworkers. With that in mind, the MOA will follow the current and most updated guidance from the CDC and MDH to keep us all safe. **As of the date of this posting – December of 2021** Due to the high spread of COVID-19 currently across Minnesota, the CDC does highly recommend the use of masks in an indoor setting regardless of vaccination status. Therefore that will be our plan.

**Please be advised that we will continue to monitor this situation as we get closer to the meeting and will adjust if needed due to the recommendations and guidance of the CDC and the MN Department of Health.** Feel free to check back and you will receive information prior to attending on the final requirements at the meeting.

As leaders in healthcare, it is important that we honor this guidance. Unless you are eating or drinking, we will need all attendees and vendors to wear a mask regardless of vaccination status. We will have a supply of masks on hand for those that need one. The hotel staff at the Mystic Lake Center will also be wearing masks, and we will be asking the same of our vendors in attendance. Our invited CE faculty will lecture without a mask on as they will be distanced in the front of the room.

Sincerely,

Randall Kempfer, O.D. – MOA Board President