



MWEA 2021 Annual Conference FAQs

1. What does hybrid mean?

Hybrid for this conference means BOTH an in-person option for the full conference experience, as well as a virtual/live-stream option of portions of the conference for those unable or uncomfortable traveling to Boyne Mountain Resort.

2. Will there be exhibits?

Yes, but they will be held outdoors under a tent. To maintain proper social distancing, there will likely be less booths than in the past, but current plans allow a minimum of 25 exhibit booths. There will be a few restrictions for safety, including a one-way traffic flow pattern as well as limits on food and drink in the tent, but you will still be able to network and meet with vendors.

3. What requirements will be in place?

MWEA will be following all current guidelines from MDHHS. Currently these would require masks in public areas and maintaining a 6' distance from others. We will continue to work with Boyne Mountain staff to ensure the safety of all conference attendees, and will share updated information as things change or get added.

4. Can we still network and socialize?

Yes! It might look a little different than previous conferences, but we know networking and socializing are one of the biggest things missing from virtual events, so it is encouraged. We will be maximizing and encouraging outdoor gathering with seating areas around the grounds, but as long as you are respecting and following the safety guidelines, you can network with others.

5. Can I bring my family?

Yes and no. You are more than welcome to have your family join you at Boyne Mountain Resort. However, participation in conference-related activities, including the welcome reception, exhibit night and the awards ceremonies are currently limited to paying conference attendees only. As restrictions lift, and our capacity limits increase, we hope to be able to open some, or all, of these activities to families. We will communicate updated information as often as we have it.

6. Do I have to wear a mask when I leave my hotel room?

Yes. Under current orders, masks are required in public areas so we will be requiring them for all conference attendees. You will be asked to sign a waiver at registration agreeing to all safety requirements put in place by both MWEA and Boyne Mountain Resort. If you are not able to comply with the requirements, we respectfully ask you to join virtually.