

*“We all must play a pivotal role to ensure we can meet in Phoenix and to create a safe national convention experience for all who can attend. We can certainly be flexible, have patience, and put the safety of our members first this year in order to meet.”*

National Convention Commission Chairman Michael Walton

## Health guidelines for 102nd National Convention

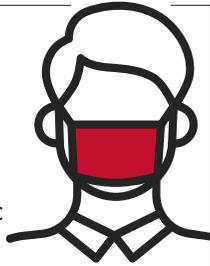
During the 102nd National Convention in Phoenix, set for Aug. 27-Sept. 2, The American Legion will follow official guidance, precautions, and rules from the convention host city. Please note that everything is subject to change. Go to [legion.org/convention](http://legion.org/convention) for the latest news.

**Cancellations**  
The National Convention Parade and National Band Contest have been canceled.

### SAFETY PROCEDURES

#### Face coverings

- ▶ Wear at all times unless actively eating or drinking
- ▶ Wear covering both nose and mouth
- ▶ Do not touch or adjust masks in public
- ▶ Make sure they are clean, in good shape and worn right-side out
- ▶ Do not borrow or loan
- ▶ Must be worn on the convention stage and only removed when at the lectern speaking
- ▶ Required while riding buses from hotels to the Phoenix Convention Center



#### Social distancing

Maintain at least 6 feet at all times



#### Hands

Follow CDC guidelines and wash hands for 20 seconds with hot water and soap.



#### Greetings

No hugs, kisses or handshakes. Instead, try fist bumps, elbow bumps, footshakes, waves, salutes and tips of the hat.



### WHEN TO STAY HOME

- ▶ If you experience any symptoms within 14 days of the convention
- ▶ If you test positive within 14 days of departure

### WHAT TO EXPECT IN PHOENIX

#### Temperature checks

- ▶ Taken daily for entrance into the Phoenix Convention Center.
- ▶ Readings 100.4 or higher will require a 10 minute hold in a control area to await a second screening.
- ▶ A reading of 100.4 or higher on the second screening will require a negative result on a COVID-19 rapid test to permit entry to the venue



#### Pre-registration

- ▶ The national convention is a private event, not open to the public.
- ▶ Walk-ins are not permitted.
- ▶ All attendees must register in advance with their department.

#### Liability waiver

All attendees and dignitaries must sign a waiver to attend. The city of Phoenix accepts no liability and declines to indemnify anyone choosing to attend.

#### Exhibit Hall numbers

There will be a maximum number of people in the Exhibit Hall at one time.

## The Navy's next frigate

The newest *Constellation*-class frigate will be named USS *Congress* in honor of President George Washington's six original frigates, Military.com reports. (The first ship in the class was named USS *Constellation*.) If the Navy follows through and names the rest of the class after those original ships christened for the newborn American republic, they would be named *President*, *Chesapeake*, *United States* and *Constitution*.



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