

The Virginia Hemophilia Foundation (VHF) works hard to keep all community members safe and healthy; this includes constituents, volunteers, providers, presenters, exhibitors, and staff. While things like getting vaccinated, testing negative for COVID, following safety rules, and being careful can lower the risk of getting sick, it's important to know that any public gathering carries some chance of exposure to infectious disease.

VHF's Infectious Disease Duty of Care

A duty of care simply means that VHF has a responsibility to take reasonable steps to keep community members safe, healthy, and protected in situations like in-person events. For this duty of care, infectious diseases include illnesses like the common cold, COVID, the flu, RSV, mpox, and other contagious sicknesses. For all in-person events VHF will follow the guidance of the [Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](https://www.cdc.gov/). VHF reserves the right to modify these policies as needed.

Participants are strongly encouraged to:

- Stay up to date on vaccinations for common diseases, including getting boosters when needed.
- Consider taking a test for common infectious diseases prior to attending VHF events, especially if you have any symptoms.

Participants are expected to:

- Assume all risks, both known and unknown, and assume full responsibility for their participation.
- Follow the CDC's guidance on protecting themselves and others from contagious diseases and respiratory illnesses, you can find more information on their official website (<https://www.cdc.gov/>).
- Not participate in in-person events if you have symptoms of any infectious disease.
- Leave the event should any symptoms of any infectious disease develop.
- Comply with safety protocols prescribed by VHF and venues including protocols in place for all infectious diseases.

Please contact VHF with any questions or concerns at 804-740-8643 or info@vahemophilia.org.

VHF Event Cancellation Policy

We have a no-questions-asked cancellation policy. Whether you experience a bleed right before traveling or have been exposed to an infectious disease, we understand that emergencies and illness are out of your control. We ask that you remember to cancel your registration ASAP so that VHF does not incur any extra costs in paying for no-shows or late cancellations.