

## **2021 Fall Benefit FAQ's**

We are committed to having a safe, responsible, and fun event for all in accordance with local health guidelines. If you have any further questions about the event, please feel free to contact CBF Manager of Development & Communications, Emme Veenbaas, at [evenbaas@chicagobarfoundation.org](mailto:evenbaas@chicagobarfoundation.org).

### **What precautions is the Museum of Science and Industry taking to protect guests against the spread of the COVID-19 virus?**

Since its reopening in April 2021, the Museum of Science and Industry has taken steps to ensure the safety and wellbeing of its guests. Areas of the museum where guests are unable to social distance are currently closed, and guests are offered a stylus upon entry to limit the touching of exhibits. The Museum also has distance markers for guests to safely distance from each other.

Additionally, all food will be served by Museum employees that are trained in COVID and food safety protocols, and increased seating will be available for guests to eat with their groups in the designated dining area with more spacing between tables.

As of September 10, MSI is implementing a policy where all guests will need to provide to the event host either proof of full COVID-19 vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test result for entry into the event. For guests who are not fully vaccinated (as defined by the CDC), the negative COVID-19 test result should be from a test taken within 72 hours before the event date.

### **What precautions will the CBF take to protect guests against the spread of the COVID-19 virus?**

The CBF cares deeply about the safety and wellbeing of its event guests. The current event policy is that all adults (18 and over) must be vaccinated to attend events. We will abide by the museum's vaccination and testing policy for those under 18 years of age, and masks will be mandatory inside the event for all guests above the age of 2 for the entirety of the event unless you are eating in the designated dining area. Attendance will be capped at 1,500 guests, which is substantially less than our typical guest count for this event and less than 28% of the museum's capacity.

We will also continue to monitor the case trends and guidance for the Chicago area and will make changes as necessary in accordance with CDC and local health guidelines at the time of the event.

### **How much distancing is possible at MSI?**

MSI is one of the largest science museums in the world, with over 400,000 square feet of exhibits and a capacity for 5,400 people. This means that 1,500 people can individually space themselves 6 feet apart, and they will only take up 14% of the museum, or even less as many will come in groups. We are very excited to offer this unique opportunity to enjoy the museum with the option to socially distance yourself substantially further apart from others than guests may typically be able to do on a regular day at the museum.