



## **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)**

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#### **What is the Black Maternal Health Conference and Training Institute?**

The Black Maternal Health Conference and Training Institute™ (BMHC), founded and led by the Black Mamas Matter Alliance, is the premiere assembly for Black women, clinicians, professionals, advocates, and other stakeholders working to improve maternal health using the birth justice, reproductive justice, and human rights frameworks. It will offer a national space for learning, rich discussions, and mobilization to transform Black Maternal Health, Rights, and Justice. [Click here](#) for additional information.

#### **What is the Black Mamas Matter Alliance?**

Black Mamas Matter Alliance (BMMA) is a **national network** of Black women-led organizations and multi-disciplinary professionals who work to ensure that all Black Mamas have the rights, respect, and resources to thrive before, during, and after pregnancy. BMMA honors the work and historical contributions of Black women's leadership within their communities and values the need to amplify this work on a national scale. For this reason, BMMA does not have chapters. The alliance is composed of existing organizations and individuals (*Midwives, OB/GYNs, Nurses, Doulas, Researchers, Public Health Professionals, Perinatal Support Workers, Attorneys, Lactation Consultants, and Artists*) whose work is deeply rooted in reproductive justice, birth justice, and the human rights framework. Visit our [website](#) for more information.

#### **Where are the conference events and activities taking place?**

The Conference is a hybrid model this year, meaning programming will be both in-person and virtual. At this time, in-person conference registration is **CLOSED**. Those interested in attending BMHC22 can register to join virtually! In-person registration for the Awards Dinner ONLY is available until August 31, 2022. The Awards Dinner will take place on September 17, 2022 from 6-9pm.

#### **What are the official dates of the conference?**

The conference will take place September 17-18, 2022.

#### **Who do I contact for any questions?**

For any questions about the conference registration, payments, transfers, or continuing education credits, contact [registration@blackmamasmatter.org](mailto:registration@blackmamasmatter.org). For questions about sponsorships and exhibitors,

awards dinner, accessibility and childcare, day-of-conference access issues, or COVID-related issues, contact [conference@blackmamasmatter.org](mailto:conference@blackmamasmatter.org). Please allow up to two business days for a response.

### **What can attendees expect?**

Attendees can expect an exciting, innovative and much-needed discussion around Black Maternal Health. We are bringing together researchers, health professionals, advocates, mamas, and students with a passion for health equity and reproductive justice for Black mamas. Please see our schedule and pages for more information as it becomes available.

## **Accessibility**

### **What accessibility options will be provided for BMHC22 attendees?**

In order to make our conference as accessible and inclusive as possible for our attendees, the following will be provided:

*Virtual:* Live American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation for main session and keynote session; Closed captioning for pre-recorded sessions; Downloadable presentation slides for pre-recorded breakout sessions

*In-Person:* Live American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation for main session and keynote session; On-site child care; private breast/chest feeding and pumping spaces; ADA compliant conference facility

You will have the opportunity to inform us of any additional accessibility options you need on your registration form. If additional support is needed, email [conference@blackmamasmatters.org](mailto:conference@blackmamasmatters.org).

## **Registration**

### **Will I be able to register for BMHC22 on site?**

No, we are at capacity for in-person attendance in Washington, D.C., and only accepting virtual registration at this time.

### **Why is the early bird price not reflected in my total?**

The system captured your payment after the early bird deadline of June 30, 2022 at 11:59 pm ET.

### **Do you accept donations for the purpose of providing funds to those who cannot afford to pay registration?**

Send email to [conference@blackmamasmatter.org](mailto:conference@blackmamasmatter.org) to learn more about donation opportunities.

### **I did not receive a receipt to my email address, what do I do?**

After your registration is completed, you can view any payments made on your invoice which you can access within your conference account. If you need additional support, please send an email to [registration@blackmamasmatter.org](mailto:registration@blackmamasmatter.org); with the subject line: *RECEIPT REQUEST*, include your full name, email address, ID number, and amount paid in body.

**A group of attendees were registered, and individual receipts are needed. How do I request a receipt?**

Once you create a group registration you can view the invoice by group or individual and any payments will be reflected on that invoice. If you need additional support, please email [registration@blackmamasmatter.org](mailto:registration@blackmamasmatter.org); with the subject line: *RECEIPT REQUEST*, include your full name, email address, ID number, and amount paid in body.

**Does BMMA offer scholarships for students to attend for free? Is there a student discount offered?**

BMMA will offer 10 virtual attendee scholarships. Please stay connected to BMMA via social media and sign up for our newsletter to be alerted when this process opens. Student rates are available during registration for both virtual and in-person options. To receive the student rate, you will be asked to upload proof of enrollment during the registration process. Acceptable documentation includes: current transcript showing full-time enrollment, letter of enrollment on official school letterhead, photo of a valid/current student ID. All documentation will be reviewed by BMMA; inauthentic documentation may result in your registration being canceled and refunded. UPDATE: All scholarship spots have been filled.

**Are continuing education credits offered for BMHC22?**

Yes. Please reach out to [conference@blackmamasmatter.org](mailto:conference@blackmamasmatter.org) for more information.

**Will I receive a certificate of attendance?**

Yes, certificate of attendance documents will be available to conference registrants through the conference platform once the conference begins.

**Can I pay via check?**

Yes, check payment will be accepted for registration. Please make the check out to Black Mamas Matter Alliance and mail to: Black Mamas Matter Alliance, PO BOX 571894, Atlanta, GA 30357. When you register, please select “check payment” at checkout. Your registration is not confirmed until the check is received and cleared. **Check payments must be received within 10 days of your registration submission or your registration will be canceled.** If you intend on paying by check for your individual or group registrations, you must submit your registration by August 15th, 2022. Any registrations submitted after August 15th, must be paid by credit card online.

**How do I obtain a W-9?**

If your organization requires a W-9 for check payment, please email [conference@blackmamasmatter.org](mailto:conference@blackmamasmatter.org)

**What is the cancellation and refund policy?**

**ALL SALES ARE FINAL** for BMHC22 registrations. No refunds will be issued for cancellation; however all in-person and virtual registrants will retain access to the virtual conference platform (which includes access to session recordings) for six months following the conference.

**Can I transfer my registration to another individual?**

Yes, to request a transfer of your registration please email [registration@blackmamasmatter.org](mailto:registration@blackmamasmatter.org). Include the subject line: *TRANSFER REQUEST*. In the body of the email please include your name, registration ID number, and the name and email address of the individual who will be taking your place. BMMA will not issue refunds for any transfer of registration (**NOTE: you will forfeit any price difference due to the**

changing from in-person to virtual attendance). In addition, BMMA will not be party to or facilitate any transfer of funds or reimbursement for transfer of conference registration. BMMA will solely be responsible for transferring the registration and providing confirmation of transfer.

**All transfers must be requested by August 15, 2022.**

## **Refunds**

All sales are final for BMHC22 registrations. No refunds will be issued for cancellation; however all virtual registrants will retain access to the virtual conference platform (which includes access to session recordings) for six months following the conference. If you decide to switch your attendance type from in-person to virtual, you will not be refunded the difference. If you have purchased an Awards Dinner ticket and can no longer attend, please initiate a refund inquiry by August 31, 2022 to receive a full refund. Any refund inquiries for Awards Dinner tickets made after August 31, 2022 will not be accepted. You can make a refund inquiry by emailing your name proof of purchase to [registration@blackmamasmatter.org](mailto:registration@blackmamasmatter.org) with the subject line: Refund Inquiry- [Your Name].

## **BEFORE ARRIVING TO BMHC22**

### ***Infection Protocol Guidelines***

The health, wellness, and safety of all attendees is BMMA's priority. As such, BMMA will follow the guidelines of the Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown Hotel and the local mandates of Washington D.C. In addition, BMMA will base any additional on-site protocols on the latest CDC and local public health guidelines to ensure a safe environment. As a precaution, **if you are experiencing any fever, rashes, cough or other symptoms related to COVID-19 and Human Monkeypox (MPX), please do not attend any Conference activities.**

**ALL IN-PERSON ATTENDEES MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF A NEGATIVE COVID TEST WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE START OF BMHC22. TESTING WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL TRAVELER. FAILURE TO PROVIDE PROOF OF TEST RESULT WILL RESULT IN DENIED ENTRY TO BMHC22.**

The following COVID test types will be accepted, please note that all tests must be FDA approved to be granted entry to BMHC22:

- COVID-19 PCR Test (Must be taken no earlier than 72 hours prior to the start of BMHC22)
- COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test (Must be taken no earlier than 24 hours prior to the start of BMHC22)

Attendees will be required to submit a copy of their negative COVID test results on their registration profile via X-CD. **All in-person attendees will be required to upload proof of a negative COVID test no later than September 16, 2022 11:59 PM EST.** Attendees will be notified via email with submission instructions prior to the start of the Conference. You should be prepared to present this documentation in person.

**Masks will be required** throughout the duration of the Conference unless actively eating or drinking.

## **COVID-19 ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND LIABILITY WAIVER**

*I desire to and willingly participate in the 2022 Black Maternal Health Conference and Training Institute (EVENT) hosted by the Black Mamas Matter Alliance, Inc. (BMMA) taking place at Renaissance Washington D.C. Downtown Hotel (LOCATION).*

*I am aware that the 2019 novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization, and understand that my participation in the Event is a potentially dangerous activity and involves the risk of serious injury, disability, death, and/or economic loss. I am also aware of the highly contagious nature of bacterial and viral diseases, including COVID-19 and other infectious diseases (collectively, "Disease"), and of the risk that I may be exposed to or contract the Disease by attending the Event, which may result in serious illness, personal injury, disability, death, and/or economic loss. I acknowledge that these risks may result from or be compounded by the actions, omissions, or negligence of BMMA. I understand that while BMMA has implemented measures to reduce the risks associated with the Event and the spread of the Disease, BMMA cannot guarantee that I will not be injured or become infected with the Disease as a result of my participation in the Event and that attending the Event may increase my risk of contracting the Disease.*

*I agree to indemnify and hold harmless BMMA and all other Releases against any and all claims, actions, suits, procedures, costs, expenses, damages, liabilities, and expenses of whatever kind, including attorney fees, brought as a result of my participation in the Event and to enforce any indemnification right under this acknowledgement.*

## **ARRIVING IN WASHINGTON D.C.**

### ***Checking In***

All attendees staying at the Renaissance will be required to check in directly with the Hotel and then a separate check in for the Conference. All BMHC22 in-person registration check-in will take place in front of the Rockcreek Ballroom. Please be prepared to provide proof of registration purchase, negative COVID-19 test results OR a vaccination card. Every registration will be verified for completion and accuracy. **Failure to provide proof of test result will result in denied entry to BMHC22.** Admitted attendees will be given BMHC22 material and badge, which will be required to wear for the duration of the Conference.

## **DURING BMHC22**

### ***Infection Protocol and Testing***

All BMHC22 attendees will be expected to provide a negative Rapid Antigen test throughout the duration of the Conference. Each attendee should have received a COVID-19 Rapid Antigen At-Home test kit upon checking in. Please use the test prior to arriving at any Conference activities. Please note if you are presenting any symptoms, or have a positive COVID test result, do not attend any Conference activities.

To attend the Awards Dinner, all in-person attendees must provide proof of a negative COVID test result. If you are also a Conference attendee, you will not be required to have a second negative COVID test result. If you are only attending the Awards Dinner and have not attended any previous Conference activities, you will be required to submit a copy of your negative COVID test results on your registration profile via X-CD. Your registration will be verified prior to entry. **All persons only attending the Awards Dinner will be required to upload proof of a negative COVID test no later than September 17, 2022 at 8AM EST. Failure to provide proof of test result will result in denied entry to BMHC22**

## **Parking Rate**

All BMHC22 attendees will have access to valet parking at a daily discount rate of \$35/per day. To receive this offer, attendees will be required to present their attendee badge to Renaissance Staff to receive this discounted rate. Attendees are welcome to explore off-site parking at their own discretion.

## **CHECKING-OUT/LEAVING WASHINGTON D.C.**

**CHECK OUT TIME IS 12 PM (NOON) EST**

### **Luggage Check and Assistance**

Upon checking out on BMHC22 Day 2, all BMHC22 attendees will receive a complimentary luggage check at the Renaissance Washington D.C. Downtown Hotel. If you would like to have your bags checked, please proceed to the bellstand and you will receive a luggage tag. To retrieve your luggage, you will need to bring the luggage tag back to the bellstand to receive your luggage. If you would like assistance with your luggage from your guest room, please dial '0' from the guestroom phone and request luggage assistance.

## **Agenda**

### **Is there a full agenda available?**

A detailed agenda will be provided in the future. Click here to download a **tentative** agenda.

## **Lodging**

### **Is there a preferred hotel for in-person attendees?**

Currently in-person registration is closed. If you've already purchased your registration to attend BMHC in Washington, D.C. The last day to [reserve a room](#) at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington D.C. as part of the Black Maternal Health Conference block is Thursday, August 25, 2022. Attendees must use the link provided within the registration page to take advantage of this rate. For those who prefer to call to reserve a room, the number is 1-800-228-9290, please reference Black Maternal Health Conference to reserve the discounted rate.

**Room block availability for in-person attendees will be on a first come, first served basis.**

## **Press Access**

### **Who should members of the media contact to request press credentials to attend/cover the conference?**

All journalists and media-makers interested in attending virtually or in-person must contact [comms@blackmamasmatter.org](mailto:comms@blackmamasmatter.org) and a member of our team will be in touch on whether your coverage request has been approved.