



School Nutrition and Industry Summit

Frequently Asked Questions

1. When will the Exhibit room be open for set up?

The Exhibit Hall at the venue (Hendricks A&B) can be accessed beginning on Tuesday, June 8th at 8:30am. The rooms will be accessible all day on Tuesday and beginning again at 8am on Wednesday with exhibits opening at 12:00pm. The hope is that you will have plenty of time throughout the day and a half to set up your display/table and also be able to attend the education programming at the summit. This event is intended for both school nutrition and operators to learn and grow in partnership.

2. Can I attend any of the education sessions/panels/discussions?

ABSOLUTELY! In fact, we are encouraging it! Please indicate in your registration if you do plan to attend the education portion of the event so that we may plan for ample seating.

3. What about meals? Will there be meals provided?

All meals for one company representative are available as part of your registration, however, any other meals will need to be purchased individually when registering. We especially encourage you to attend the lunch on Tuesday as we will be assigning Industry partners to tables with school nutrition operators so you can catch up with customers and meet potential customers in a relaxed environment. Seating will encourage appropriate physical distancing.

4. How will exhibit table locations be assigned?

Due to continued unknowns as to how the exhibit hall will be set up, tables will be assigned by ISNA on a first come, first served basis, also considering that competitive Industry Partners will be spaced apart to the best of our ability. When you arrive at the venue, there will be a table sign indicating where you have been assigned.

5. Will electricity be provided on site?

Due to the fact, that the exhibits will be in a ballroom rather than a true convention type room, we are not able to accommodate for electrical needs. Please be sure to charge your devices, computers, etc. ahead of time.

6. Will food sampling be allowed?

At this time, there is no mandate disallowing the sampling of food, however, the Director of Sales and Marketing at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Plainfield had this to say, *“I strongly recommend not doing the sampling unless it’s packaged.”* For this reason, we will be offering attendees and Industry partners a boxed lunch prior to the exhibits time at 12:00pm.

7. What are the plans for Tuesday evening? Will there be the opportunity for networking?

Yes! The ISNA Executive Board feels that members will be very excited to reconnect with colleagues, friends, and Industry partners, etc. that they have not seen face to face in over a year. While we recognize that there is still the reality of the COVID-19 pandemic to take into consideration, ISNA will follow all state/local guidelines as it relates to COVID-19 safety precautions and we ask that ALL Industry Partners read and agree to the “Industry Partner Liability Waiver and Assumption of Risk” which can be found in the registration form.

That being said, there are plans in the works for some heated Bingo rounds as well as food, beverage and lots of mingling on Tuesday evening!

8. How do I make reservations at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Plainfield?

You can reserve under the ISNA block of rooms by clicking [HERE](#) or calling 317-839-1106 and mentioning the ISNA room block.

9. Are there other hotel options in the area?

The venue is literally SURROUNDED by hotel properties. Please see below for an incomplete list of other options.

- a. [Staybridge Suites Indianapolis Airport](#)
- b. [Springhill Suites by Marriott Indianapolis Airport/Plainfield](#)
- c. [Holiday Inn Express Indianapolis Airport](#)
- d. [Best Western Plus Atrea Airport Inn & Suites](#)

10. Is there a virtual option for attendees?

At this time, we are planning to offer a virtual summit experience for those that cannot or do not feel comfortable joining us in June. In order to provide this option, we will need to have 45 people register for the virtual option due to cost. If you would like to submit a 1-3 minute video to be used for our virtual attendees please feel free to do so. The virtual platform, if used, will also be offered to all those attendees that joined us in person for future reference. Send to Sheri Shipp at sheri@indianasna.org no later than EOB on Friday, May 21st.