We are pleased to be able to run Student Conference in 2022, having been unable to do so in 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions. COVID-19 is still circulating, so some risk of transmission is inevitable in this gathering of several hundred people. The measures set out below aim to follow government guidance and mitigate risk, while enabling a largely 'normal' conference.

The event is held in England, hence English law and government guidance applies to all attendees regardless of residence. We will update our guidance should the law change. Therefore, please refer to the current version of this guidance on this webpage, rather than copied versions circulated by email.

# COVID-SAFE CONFERENCE POLICY

#### We encourage all attendees to:

- 1. Take a lateral flow test as close as possible in timing to the event.
- Although there is no legal requirement to test prior this event, please note that <u>government guidance</u> advises testing before you 'mix with people in crowded indoor places'
  - A PCR test is an acceptable alternative if this is required based on your circumstances

Please note that if you develop symptoms of COVID-19 at the centre, you will be required to isolate immediately in your room and to make arrangements to return home\*

## 2. Not attend if any of the following apply:

- You have tested positive for COVID-19 recently and are still required to selfisolate according to current law
- You are required to self-isolate as a contact by a government test and trace service or local equivalent
- You have symptoms of COVID-19 as defined by government guidance (high temperature, new continuous cough, and/or a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste), and have not had a negative PCR test since the symptoms started

If you are unable to attend for any of the above reasons, we can refund your place (minus an administration fee) once proof of a positive test is provided. To do that, please <u>click here to report results</u> (for UK and Northern Ireland residents); and send the email generated from this to <u>admin@cmf.org.uk</u>

# 3. Wear a face covering in indoor areas of the Yarnfield Park site, other than when eating and drinking, unless exempt.

Although the law allows removal of face coverings for singing, the relatively crowded nature of the main conference room means that we would ask you to continue to wear them for singing unless you are part of the group leading music.

Please <u>click here</u> for Government guidance regarding exemptions

### OUR COVID COMMITMENT

- CMF will ensure contactless payment is available at the Book store.
- We partner with a venue that adheres to clear COVID-19 safety measures. These can be found <u>here</u>
- \*Should you develop COVID-19 symptoms at the venue: if you do not have private transport of your own to return home, you will be provided with lodging at Yarnfield Park for any isolation period at no cost to you.

Thank you for your cooperation, and we look forward to seeing you this February!