

NSTX-U / Magnetic Fusion Science updates

April 11, 2022

Some upcoming events

- May 15-19, 2022 (Rochester, NY), [24th HTPD](#) (deadlines: ~~Invited - Dec. 10; others - Jan. 31~~)
- May 16-20, 2022 (Monterey, CA), [Magnetic Reconnection Workshop](#) (~~Reg: Jan. 15~~)
- June 12-16, 2022 (Anaheim), [ANS-TOFE](#) (~~deadline: Feb. 25~~)
- June 12-17, 2022 (Jeju Island, South Korea), [PSI-25](#) (~~deadline: Dec. 7~~)
- June 20-24, 2022 (Warsaw, Poland), [ISHW](#) (invite and poster deadlines: March 30)
- June 27-July 1, 2022 (~~Maastricht~~, virtual only), [EPS Conf. Plasma Physics](#)
- Oct. 9-14, 2022 (virtual), [AAPPS-DPP](#) (invited nominations due: April 30)
- Oct. 17-24, 2022 (Spokane, WA), APS-DPP (invited nominations due: May 4)

Travel for PPPL research employees is not restricted, but requires approval of Deputy Director

- Intention is for travel requests to be organized through individual departments
 - Requires submission of new travel request form
- Do not register for conferences, book travel, etc... until you have approval
- Note, PPPL has a new travel agent, ADTRAV, as of April 1

Planning for relaxation of on-site COVID protocols

- Will roll back in sequence to monitor effect (weekly testing still in force for monitoring purposes)
- Communication to staff will be in one to two days
- Sequence
 - Mask mandate lifted starting Monday 3/21, except for <3 ft. distances (you can still wear a mask if you want, at any distance)
 - Future roll backs include less than weekly testing, daily health clearance, spacing requirements
- Maintaining Lab daily head count limit for now
- Maintaining conference room occupancy limits for now
 - Can meet unmasked if proper distance (>3 ft) and occupancy
 - HOWEVER, please respect others' wishes if requested to mask in a public setting
- For return to work, need a) Covid training if required for job, b) negative Covid test ≤ 1 week before return
 - Can be rapid test (take picture and send to J. Levine)
 - PCR test preferred