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GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

We are currently planning for the conference to be held in-person, however if circumstances change due to public health recommendations for group gatherings, then some or all portions of the conference may be held virtually. Information in these guidelines relate to an in-person event. Additional speaker and moderator instructions will be provided at a later date if the conference transitions to virtual components.

Proposals for presentations at the 2021 CSTE Annual Conference should be made using the formal online abstract process. The Program Planning Committee will evaluate abstracts based on a number of criteria, including timeliness, relevance, design, clarity, outcomes, and potential impact. All abstracts must be submitted via the online abstract system no later than **Wednesday, January 6, 2021 by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time**. Proposals that are incomplete, late or submitted in an inappropriate format will not be considered.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Abstracts must represent the work of the authors listed and appropriately referenced.

Abstracts are limited to 400 words, not including the title and speaker bio.

The use of "all caps" should be limited to acronyms generally accepted in the field and names of organization; the full organization name on first reference.

Submit each individual abstract to the appropriate committee. Review the list of committees carefully to determine which one might be most appropriate for your subject area. Abstract topics are available on the CSTE website at www.csteconference.org.

Duplicate abstracts will not be considered.

Concluding statements such as "to be completed" should be avoided.

All information should be reviewed prior to submission to ensure completeness; abstract revisions are permitted at any time before the abstract submission deadline.

Abstracts may not be modified after the submission deadline during the review period. Presenting authors may make minor changes after an abstract is accepted until the invitation response deadline.

By submitting an abstract, please make sure you or an alternate presenting author are committing to attend the conference and giving the presentation if the abstract is accepted. All presenting authors are required to register for the conference and pay related fees. CSTE does not provide a travel allowance, honorarium or reimbursement for attending the conference.

There are no restrictions on the number of abstracts you may submit or on the number of submissions you may be selected to present. Abstracts submitted to another conference may be submitted to the CSTE Annual Conference for consideration.

CSTE membership is not required but encouraged to submit an abstract.

Abstracts submitted for the 2020 CSTE Annual Conference may be resubmitted to this conference since last year was canceled.

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CHOOSING A PRESENTATION FORMAT

While the Program Planning Committee will attempt to honor the submitted format for presentations, this will not always be possible. For Breakout, Quick, Lightning and Poster presentations, an option is available to select consideration for an alternative format if the Program Planning Committee cannot accommodate your preferred format.

BREAKOUT PRESENTATION

Findings are presented on a specific topic within a breakout session with the opportunity for audience Q&A. Presentations are approximately 18-30 minutes, with **only one (1) presenting author** slot available for the submitted abstract.

QUICK PRESENTATION

Findings are presented on a specific topic within a breakout session with the opportunity for audience Q&A. Presentations are 10 minutes, with only **one (1) presenting author** slot available for the submitted abstract.

LIGHTNING PRESENTATION

Findings are presented on a specific topic within a breakout session with the opportunity for audience Q&A. Presentations are five minutes, with only **one (1) presenting author** slot available for the submitted abstract.

POSTER PRESENTATION

A visual illustration on a poster board that summarizes finding by way of limited text, graphics, and photographs. Presentations are limited to **only one (1) presenting author** per submitted abstract. See also, Poster Presentation Schedule for additional information.

ROUNDTABLE PRESENTATION

Informative presentation focusing on recent findings or innovative topics, with substantial opportunity for discussion among attendees. Presentations are limited to **up to two (2) presenting author** slots available for the submitted abstract. Abstracts submitted for roundtable presentation will not be considered for other presentation types. Roundtable sessions will not have audiovisual equipment available.



CHOOSING A PRESENTATION FORMAT

Presentation formats relate to a traditional in-person event. If the conference transitions to virtual components, then additional speaker and moderator instructions will be provided at a later date.

PRESENTATION FORMAT	BREAKOUT	QUICK	LIGHTNING	POSTER	ROUNDTABLE
Key attributes	Oral presentation requiring a comprehensive review and discussion	Oral presentation with limited review and discussion	Oral presentation limited to speedy sharing of relevant results and conclusion	Visual display of graphics, diagrams and limited text	Discussion based topic where audience feedback and participation maximized
Abstract requirements	Background Methods Results Conclusion	Background Methods Results Conclusion	Background Methods Results Conclusion	Background Methods Results Conclusion	Key objectives Brief summary
Presentation length	18-30 minutes	10 minutes	5 minutes	30 minutes of information sharing and discussion	45 minutes of information sharing and discussion
Q&A	5 minutes included with presentation length	20 minutes at end of session	15 minutes at end of session	During discussion	During discussion
# of Presentations in Session	3 – 5 presentations	7 presentations	15 presentations	Multiple	1 – 2 presentations
Session length	90 minutes	90 minutes	90 minutes	30 minutes with poster displayed for 1 and ½ days (see presentation schedule below)	45 minutes
Audio/Visual equipment provided	LCD Projector and laptop	LCD Projector and laptop	LCD Projector and laptop	None	None
# of presenters allowed	1 presenting author	1 presenting author	1 presenting author	1 presenting author	Up to 2 presenting authors
Alternative presentation type considered	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

POSTER PRESENTATION SCHEDULE

Posters will be displayed for a day and one-half starting on Sunday until Wednesday with a 30-minute presentation session at the morning and afternoon break. Presentation formats relate to a traditional in-person event. If the conference transitions to virtual components, then additional speaker instructions will be provided at a later date.

PRESENTATION DATE	DISPLAY START	DISPLAY END
Poster Award Finalists	Sunday at noon	Wednesday at 11am
Sunday at 3pm	Sunday at noon	Monday at 4pm
Monday at 10am	Sunday at noon	Monday at 4pm
Monday at 3:30pm	Sunday at noon	Monday at 4pm
Tuesday at 10am	Tuesday at 7:30am	Wednesday at 11am
Tuesday at 3:30pm	Tuesday at 7:30am	Wednesday at 11am
Wednesday at 10am	Tuesday at 7:30am	Wednesday at 11am

ONLINE ABSTRACT SYSTEM

Please follow all directions provided in the online abstract system to ensure your abstract is entered correctly. The system divides the submission process into steps so that information can be entered, previewed and saved at each step. The steps in the submission process are shown as links in the left navigation panel. At any time in the process, you may navigate between steps to make revisions or corrections. By following the directions on each page in the submission process, you will automatically proceed through every step needed to submit an abstract.

STEP 1 COMMITTEE AND TOPIC

Abstracts will be divided into committees for review and programming purposes based on topic areas. The Program Planning Committee reserves the right to reassign your abstract within committees.

AVAILABLE COMMITTEES:

- Chronic Disease/MCH/Oral Health
- Cross-Cutting
- Environmental Health
- Infectious Disease
- Injury
- Occupational Health
- Substance Use
- Surveillance / Informatics

STEP 2 TITLE

- The title is not included in the abstract word count; however, titles should not exceed 185 characters.
- Title case should be used where the first word and all other major words (nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs) and some conjunctions are capitalized.
 - Articles such as the, a, an, and, but, for, or and nor should be in lowercase
 - Lowercase the part of a proper name that would be lowercased in text
- Do not begin paper titles with "The".
- Do not end title with a period.
- Use a concise title that summarizes the content of the abstract.
- Do not use abbreviations, unless they are widely accepted by the field (for example, HIV/AIDS is acceptable in place of Human Immunodeficiency Virus/ Acquired Deficiency Syndrome).

STEP 3 AUTHORS

- A presenting author is defined as an individual person who will actually present at the conference.
- The submitting author is the author that completes the online abstract submission process. This person is usually involved with the abstract as a presenting author or co-author.
- **By submitting an abstract, please make sure you or an alternate presenting author are committing to attend the conference and giving the presentation if the abstract is accepted.** All presenting authors are required to register for the conference and pay related fees. CSTE does not provide a travel allowance, honorarium or reimbursement for presenting authors.
- The primary contact for communication should be identified as the first presenting author when other presenting authors are permitted.

Once you have decided on your presentation format, the steps involved are as follows and listed under **Control Panel** in the online abstract submission form:

- STEP 1 Committee and Topic
- STEP 2 Title / Permissions / Disclosures
- STEP 3 Authors
- STEP 4 Abstract Text
- STEP 6 Confirmation

STEP 2

PERMISSIONS AND DISCLOSURES

The presenting author must complete all disclosure and permission questions on the submission form.

KEYWORDS

Choose between one and three keywords from the available list that is most relevant to your abstract.

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Authors *Continued from previous page.*

- Presenting author(s) must complete brief bio information on their background experience that should not exceed 100 words. If selected for oral presentation, this information will be utilized by the session moderator to properly introduce you. This information may be shortened by the moderator to ensure presentations stay on time.
 - To assist session moderators in correct pronunciation of presenting author's name, correct pronunciation is required in bio section. Use the sounds like or phonetic spelling like the examples below:
 - *Jane Knowles silent K, sounds like "noles"*
 - *Allie Pyan Pie-n, like Ryan but with a P*
 - *Lisa Takeuchi Tah-keh-oo-chee*
- Abstracts should include all pertinent presenting author contact information.
- Co-authors who are not presenting but contributed substantially to the study design, statistical analysis or interpretation may be listed as a non-presenting author. Up to fifteen (15) co-authors may be included.
- Formal letters of invitation are sent by email from the CSTE National Office by Wednesday, March 24, 2021. All authors receive a formal communication regarding the Program Planning Committee's determination. However, only presenting authors have system access to accept or decline an invitation.
- It is the responsibility of the first presenting author to communicate with any presenting co-authors prior to the presentation. For breakout presentations, the presenting author is responsible for coordinating the presentation with the moderator selected by the Program Planning Committee in that session.

STEP 5 VIEW OR EDIT SUBMISSIONS

After you complete Step 1 – Committee and Topic selection, you will receive an email from cste@confex.com with the subject line "Submission Initiated" and your abstract title. The email content will include the ID and password for the abstract. Each abstract submission will have a separate ID and password. To view or edit your abstract submission, either use the direct link provided in your initial email or login using the abstract ID number and password provided with your initial or confirmation email. You may view and edit an abstract any time before the abstract submission deadline on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time. Abstracts may not be modified after the submission deadline during committee review. If your abstract is accepted for presentation, minor content changes may be made by contacting Shundra Clinton at sclinton@cste.org no later than Friday, April 30, 2021. Author changes may be made online before the abstract submission deadline and after invitation until Friday, April 30, 2021.

STEP 5 REVIEW AND SUBMIT

After you have completed all steps in the process and are ready to submit an abstract for consideration, please carefully proofread your abstract on the final step – "**Confirmation**". To complete your submission, select "**Conclude Submission**" on the last step. You must correct all errors or omissions before the abstract can be submitted as final. Once you have completed the abstract, you will receive an email confirmation that the abstract has been received. If you exit the system without completing all steps, your abstract will be considered incomplete. You must receive a confirmation email for your abstract to be considered received.

STEP 5

Required Body for Breakout, Quick, Lightning and Poster Presentations

- **Background:** Study objectives, hypothesis, or a description of the program.
- **Methods:** Study design and appropriate statistical analysis.
- **Results:** Specific results in summary form.
- **Conclusions:** Description of the main outcome of the study.

Required Body for Roundtable Presentations

- **Key Objective or Discussion Points:** Learning objective(s) for the discussion.
- **Brief Summary:** Description of the discussion.

FORGOT ID AND PASSWORD?

If you forgot your abstract ID and password information, **DO NOT** create another abstract. Please use the "Forgotten ID and password" from the abstract login page. The email address used at submission will be required to locate your submission(s) and to email requested ID and password information.

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INVITATION RESPONSE

Formal letters of invitation and regret are sent by email from the CSTE National Office by Wednesday, March 24, 2021. All authors receive a formal communication that informs them of the Planning Committee's decision. Presenting authors with an accepted abstract will receive a link to their online "Speaker's Corner" where you may view session details, respond to the invitation and upload your presentation. Co-authors with an accepted abstract will receive a determination email but not a link to the online Speaker's Corner.

The deadline for responding to the invitation to present is 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on Friday, April 30, 2021 using the online link.

Presenting authors that fail to respond by the deadline will be considered accepted and expected to present or find a replacement presenting author. Failure to present an accepted abstract could result in disqualification from presenting an abstract at future conferences. If unforeseen circumstances change after the invitation deadline and a presenting author cannot present, contact Shundra Clinton at scClinton@cste.org as soon as possible. All presenting authors are expected to register for the conference and pay related fees.

WITHDRAWALS

Withdraw of an abstract can be made at any time during submission and review. **The deadline to decline presentation or withdrawal after invitation acceptance is 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on Friday, April 30, 2021 and should be done utilizing the online abstract system.** Withdrawal of a presentation after invitation acceptance or after the deadline should be communicated by email to Shundra Clinton at scClinton@cste.org. Withdrawals made after the invitation deadline, failure to present an accepted abstract or find a replacement presenting author could result in disqualification from presenting an abstract at future conferences. Please also see Invitation Response.

STUDENT ABSTRACTS

Students are encouraged to submit abstracts for sessions offered at the CSTE annual conference. To be eligible for consideration, abstracts must be authored by students currently enrolled full time in an undergraduate or graduate program who are actively pursuing a degree in public health or related field. Discounted registration fees are offered to qualified students.

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LATE-BREAKER ABSTRACT SYSTEM

Abstracts containing truly late-breaking research or outbreak or event responses not available at the regular abstract deadline may be submitted as late-breakers. During submission, authors are required to justify why their abstract is a late breaker. Abstracts are only considered for presentation during a Quick Presentation session on Wednesday morning of the conference. Late-breaker abstracts are highly competitive as space is limited.

- The late-breaker abstract submission process will open on **Friday, March 26, 2021.**
- All late-breaker abstracts must be submitted via the abstract submission website by **Friday, April 9, 2021 by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time.**
- Only one presenting author per presentation will be allowed during the late-breaker session.
- Formal letters of invitation for late-breaker presentation are sent by email from the CSTE National Office by **Friday, April 23, 2021.**

PRESENTER DISCLOSURE

Presenting authors must disclose to participants prior to speaking any significant financial interest or other relationships with the manufacturer(s) of any commercial product(s) or provider(s) of any commercial services discussed in a session presentation and with any commercial supports of the activity. This pertains to relationships with pharmaceutical companies, biomedical device manufacturers or other corporations whose products or services are related to the subject matter of the presentation topic. Having an interest or affiliation with a corporate organization does not prevent a speaker from making a presentation, but the relationship must be made known in advance to the audience. Questions regarding CSTE presenter disclosure should be directed to the CSTE National Office.



PRESIDENTIAL PRIORITIES AWARD

Each year, the President of CSTE sets forth a list of Presidential Priorities. These are key areas impacting the field of Applied Epidemiology that the organization, Executive Director and Executive Board works to advance during the year. Presidential Priorities change from year to year based on the current CSTE President. The 2020-2021 CSTE President is Sherri L. Davidson, PhD, MPH, Alabama State Epidemiologist.

CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERATION

- 1** The abstract must contribute to the overall Presidential Priority and in support of the Strategic Goal(s): **Demonstrating improved public health effectiveness by bridging connections.**
- 2** The abstract must exemplify a partnership between surveillance systems, data sources and/or colleagues.
- 3** Contribute to improved public health partnerships and connections that are new efforts.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTING THE AWARD RECIPIENT

- Project, surveillance, or outbreak response must show collaboration between states and data must be used to support this partnership.
- Presenter/presenters must be from a state, territorial, tribal, or local health department; federal employees are not eligible.
- Abstract must be selected to present and oral presentation; roundtable, poster, and late-breaker abstracts are not eligible.

RECOGNITION AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The award recipient will be presented with a commemorative plaque at the annual conference. Presenters interested in being considered must apply through the abstract submission process by the deadline. Depending on the quality and quantity of eligible abstracts, a potential breakout session on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. may be organized for eligible presentations.

MEDIA

CSTE may select presentations or sessions for promotion to media outlets during the CSTE Annual Conference. As part of the abstract submission process, please indicate if you consider the contents of your abstract newsworthy for media promotion, or if you are constrained by organizational media relations policies and cannot participate in any CSTE media promotion.

QUESTIONS

Call the CSTE National Office at (770) 458-3811 or visit our website at www.csteconference.org

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Continuing education for this activity is pending. See conference website and app for final announcement and details.

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OUTSTANDING POSTER PRESENTATION AWARDS

Poster presentations are an important and valued part of the CSTE Annual Conference. CSTE will recognize the work of poster presenters by offering CSTE Steering Committee Poster Awards in Chronic Disease/MCH/Oral Health, Cross-Cutting/Substance Use, Environmental Health/Occupational Health/Injury, Infectious Disease and Surveillance/Informatics.

NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Only abstracts submitted and accepted for poster presentation at the 2021 CSTE Annual Conference will be eligible. Planning Committee members or members of their committee may select up to 5 abstracts for a poster award. Only one poster per presenter may be considered. The nomination criteria are as follows:

- Scientific content, including originality, study design and analysis;
- Public health impact; and
- Exemplifies the effective and innovative application of epidemiologic methods in an investigation or study.

POSTER FINALIST

Poster Award Finalists will be announced by March 24, 2021. Each finalist will have their poster displayed during the conference from Sunday afternoon to Wednesday when the Networking Hall closes.

CSTE AWARD IN ADDRESSING RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES RWJF AWARD

The "Robert Wood Johnson Foundation National Award for Outstanding Epidemiology Practice in Addressing Racial and Ethnic Disparities" was established by CSTE to recognize an individual presenter at the CSTE Annual Conference whose professional work advances public health knowledge through epidemiology and applied research in racial and ethnic disparities and improves public health practice through effective use of data and epidemiology.

CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERATION

- Abstract should address racial and ethnic health disparities.
- Speakers should be from a state or local health department; federal employees are not eligible.
- Abstract is selected to present an oral or poster presentation; roundtable and late-breakers are not eligible.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTING THE AWARD RECIPIENT

- Impact of work in the field of eliminating health disparities.
- Contribution/translation to practice.
- Policy implications for evoking long-term change in eliminating and preventing health disparities.
- Quality of poster or breakout session presentation.

The award recipient will be presented with a commemorative plaque and a \$1,000 honorarium at the conference. Presenters interested in being considered must apply through the abstract submission process by the deadline. Late-breaker abstracts are not eligible for consideration.