GUIDELINES FOR
POSTER PRESENTATIONS

A poster presentation is a visual illustration on a poster board that summarizes findings by way of limited text, graphics, and photographs. Presenting authors hold discussions with attendees who circulate among the poster boards. Sessions do not have audio-visual equipment, telephone/video conferencing equipment, telephones, or internet lines available. All posters will be displayed at the meeting facilities in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

RESPONDING TO THE POSTER INVITATION

Formal letters of invitation will be sent by e-mail from the CSTE national office by Thursday, March 7, 2024. Presenting authors should respond to the invitation online no later than 11:59pm EDT on Thursday, April 11, 2024.

Submission of an abstract implies that presenting authors are committed to making the presentation in-person at the conference. Should circumstances change and a presenting author is unable to attend, then the author is responsible for finding a substitute presenting author. Presenting authors that fail to respond by the deadline will be considered accepted and expected to present. Acceptance or withdrawal of an accepted abstract must be made no later than 11:59pm EDT on Thursday, April 11, 2024. Withdrawals made after this date or failure to present an accepted abstract could result in disqualification from presenting an abstract at future conferences.

All presenting authors and moderators must register for the conference and pay related fees. CSTE does not provide a travel allowance, honorarium, or reimbursement for presenting authors attending the conference. Presenting authors are encouraged to become CSTE members, but it is not a requirement to present at the conference.

PRESENTATION TIME

Presentations are held during the morning and afternoon breaks for 30 minutes of information and discussion. Each poster board is assigned a number that will correspond with the poster presentation. Posters will be displayed for the duration of the conference starting on Sunday until Wednesday. Presentation times can be access through your online invitation information in the Speaker Center. A direct link to your personal Speaker Center can be found in your invitation e-mail. Poster board number assignments will be available in the electronic agenda and app. Posters left after 12pm EDT on Wednesday will be removed and discarded.

Questions

Contact the CSTE National Office at (770) 458-3811 or nationaloffice@cste.org if you have any questions that are not addressed in the guidelines or on the CSTE conference website. csteconference.org
POSTER PRESENTATION

- Poster presentation materials must fit within the poster board display area of 4ft tall x 8ft wide. The board is oriented in the landscape position (long dimension is horizontal).
- Place the title of your poster presentation at the top center of the poster.
- Recommended fonts are san serif font, such as Arial, because san serif fonts are easier to read than serif fonts, such as Times New Roman. Posters should be designed using appropriate font sizes so they can be easily viewed from 3 ft away.
- Posters are generally read from left to right and top to bottom. Use arrows, numbers, or letters to indicate preferred viewing sequence to attendees.
- Keep your text to a minimum. Your emphasis should be on graphics, charts, graph, and photos.
- Include your name, address, and phone number or distribute business cards in case an attendee wants additional information.
- Use a mailing tube or portfolio case for transporting your poster to the conference. Most presenters carry their posters with them, but if you want to ship your materials ahead, you must ship them to yourself in care of the hotel at which you will be staying.
- Pushpins will be provided for you to attach your materials to the poster board. The use of glue, tape, or staples is not allowed.
- BE PREPARED to answer questions or discuss topics with attendees.

HANDOUTS

Handouts are not a requirement; however, if you want to distribute handouts during the session, we recommend you bring plenty of copies with you. Handouts may also be uploaded through Speaker Center. CSTE strongly recommends poster presenting authors to upload a PDF version of their poster for attendee viewing during and after the conference. A direct link to your personal Speaker Center can be found in your invitation email. Handouts may be uploaded online by 11:59pm EDT on Friday, May 24, 2024 or after the conference.

OUTSTANDING POSTER PRESENTATION AWARDS

Award finalists must display their poster during the entire conference from Sunday at noon through Wednesday at noon. The Review Committee will score award finalists onsite, so presenting authors should not remove their poster after presentation unless they must leave the conference early. CSTE will recognize the work of poster presenters by offering up to six awards in the following areas:

- Chronic Disease & Maternal and Child Health
- Infectious Diseases
- Environmental Health & Occupational Health / Injury, Substance Use & Mental Health
- Health Equity and Tribal Epidemiology / Health Security, Policy & Law / Workforce Development
- Surveillance & Informatics

CSTE will award an individual certificate in each category. Award recipients will be announced post-conference.