



APHA 2026

Affiliate Event

Information Packet

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October 31 – November 4, 2026

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Affiliate Event Overview

2026 APHA Annual Meeting

Overview

Groups attending the APHA Annual Meeting can enhance their experience by hosting events at our headquarters properties or promoting offsite gatherings to APHA attendees. Whether you're a university planning an alumni reception or an organization arranging a board meeting, partnering with APHA to coordinate your event is an efficient and cost-effective way to connect with your audience.

Venues

All APHA sessions and events will be held at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center and the Grand Hyatt San Antonio River Walk. When booking through APHA, you have the option to select either venue for the same price, pending space availability. This makes it easy for your guests to travel from sessions directly to your event!

Program Listings for Offsite Events

If you are planning an event offsite, you can promote it to all APHA attendees through a listing in our online program and mobile app. A program listing includes the event title, date/time, location, and description.

Program listings are \$350 at the general rate and \$195 for exhibitors and sponsors.

Available Time Slots

The 2026 Annual Meeting will be held in San Antonio, TX from Sunday, Nov. 1-Wednesday, Nov. 4 with pre-convention events being held on Saturday, Oct. 31.

Affiliate events may only be held in the timeslots listed below. Requests for times not listed will be approved at the discretion of the event operations team and will incur an additional fee.

Saturday, Oct. 31

1-6 p.m. (Saturday event)

Sunday, Nov. 1

8-10:30 a.m. (morning event)

6:30-10 p.m. (evening event)

Monday, Nov. 2

7-8 a.m. (morning event)

12:30-2 p.m. (lunch hour) - *Note: conflicts with APHA Awards Ceremony*

6:30-9 p.m. (evening reception/business meeting)

Tuesday, Nov. 3

7-8 a.m. (morning event)

12:30-2 p.m. (lunch hour)

6:30-9 p.m. (evening event)

Wednesday, Nov. 4

7-8 a.m. (morning event)

Pricing

Event fees include our standard AV package of an LCD screen, projector, laptop, and podium microphone. The fee also includes a listing in the online program and mobile app if desired, and general promotion of all hosted events in attendee e-newsletters. Affiliate events are not listed in the printed program. Pricing does not change if a group does not require the items listed above. Additional A/V equipment, labor, and food/beverage will be at the expense of the host organization.

Room Rental Fees

Time Slot	General Fee	Exhibitor/Sponsor Fee
Saturday Event	\$750 per two-hour increments	\$650
Morning Event (Sun-Wed)	\$775	\$575
Lunch Hour (Sun-Tue)	\$775	\$575
Sunday Afternoon	\$775	\$575
Evening Event (Sun-Tue)	\$825	\$625
Program Listing Only <i>(requires separate form)</i>	\$350	\$195
Event Upgrade Package	\$2,950	\$1,950

**Room locations will not be selected and finalized until payment is received. Invoices will be sent by APHA.*

Event Upgrade Package (deadline is September 3, 2026)

Upgrade your package to include a dedicated marketing email sent to APHA attendees on your behalf. Emails are scheduled 2–3 weeks prior to your event – or sooner upon request – at APHA’s discretion. Your event will also be called out with others in a “Know Before Your

Go” email, which sent to attendees in October 2026. You’re welcome to provide draft email content for your individual email blast, which will undergo editorial review and approval to ensure quality and consistency.

Upgrades can be added until September 3 and selected directly on the application form.

Additional Upgrade Options

The following promotional opportunities are available for purchase:

- Digital event banner
- Attendee newsletter advertisement
- Attendee email blast; discounts are available for a second or more send (see the Event Upgrade Package above)

Contact Edward Shipley, Senior Manager, Business Development at Ed.Shipley@apha.org for more information.

Catering

To order any food and beverage for your event, you will work directly with the catering manager at your venue. Contact information for the catering managers will be provided after your event is finalized. See catering menus in the addendum as a reference.

Pro tip: If your event is scheduled in the early morning, midday, or evening, it is recommended that you provide some food for attendees to maximize attendance during peak meal times.

Audio/Visual

Event fees include our standard AV package of a screen, LCD projector, laptop, and podium microphone. Additional AV equipment can be ordered through the onsite AV vendor and will be at the expense of the host organization.

Note that AV equipment may vary by space. For example, a small meeting room may utilize an LCD screen instead of a projector and screen.

Room Set Up

Event organizers can indicate in the form their preferred room set. Standard sets include theater, round tables, reception (a mix of scattered high tops and larger rounds) and conference style. Special or unique sets may incur additional costs.

Requests for rooms with windows or in unique locations can be made but are not guaranteed.

Stages will be set in rooms for 150 people or more during the scientific session slot. The stage that cannot be removed. APHA will work with your group to find a space that works best for you.

How to Apply

Onsite Events

To apply to reserve event space at APHA 2026, [please fill out this form](#). This form is not a commitment. We will not send you an invoice until you confirm that you would like to move forward.

Offsite Events

To have your offsite event listed in the online program, [please fill out this form](#). This form is not a commitment. We will not send you an invoice until you confirm that you would like to move forward.

Once you submit the form, we will contact you via email to confirm your event details and next steps.

Contact Information

Please contact the following APHA staff members with any questions regarding hosting an affiliate event:

Katie Nichols

Coordinator, Event Operations
American Public Health Association
Katie.Nichols@apha.org

Edward Shipley

Senior Manager, Business Development
American Public Health Association
Ed.Shipley@apha.org

Policies

Cancellation Penalty: 50% of total. No refunds after Friday, September 11, 2026.

General Policies:

- Organizations agree to abide by all operational policies and procedures that guide the Annual Meeting. Read our [Annual Meeting Policies](#).
- Partner and university events may only be held in the timeslots listed above.
- Organizations may not hold independent scientific sessions at APHA's Annual Meeting.

- The deadline for requests is Friday, Sept. 11, 2026. Requests made after this time are dependent on availability and are not guaranteed.
- APHA reserves the right to make schedule changes and will notify you of any changes. Please do not publish the location of your event(s) until after Friday, Sept. 11, 2026

Registration Policies:

All guests attending affiliate events taking place between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center or the Grand Hyatt must have an official Annual Meeting badge. If you would like to invite guests or staff not registered for the meeting, please contact Katie Nichols by Sept. 3, 2026 for special registration instructions. Requests received after Sept. 3 may not be accommodated.

If your event is taking place after hours, a badge is not required. However, your guests should be able to present an official invitation email to your event that includes the event title, date, time, and location. This is to ensure security and APHA can properly assist your guests.

Frequently Asked Questions

- a. Can people who are not attending the Annual Meeting attend our event?**
 - i. All guests attending affiliate events taking place between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center or the Grand Hyatt San Antonio River Walk must have an official Annual Meeting badge. If your event is taking place after hours, a badge is not required, but your guests should be able to present an official invitation email to your event. This is to ensure security and APHA can properly assist your guests.
- b. Can we bring our own decorations?**
 - i. Decorations policies will vary by venue. Typically, convention centers do not allow any outside decor such as balloons or lights. Hotels can be more flexible in customizing your event. It is best to work with your catering manager to ensure compliance with their policies.
- c. Can my group host multiple events?**
 - i. Yes! Note that the room rental fee only covers a single event, so there will be a fee charged for each event.
- d. I want a specific layout for my event. How do I arrange that?**
 - i. You will work with Katie Nichols, Event Coordinator (Katie.Nichols@apha.org), on your desired room layout. Please note that the ability to accommodate special room setups depends on the schedule. If your event has another event shortly before or after it, drastic room turns may not be possible.
- e. Can I choose my preferred venue?**

- i. You can indicate your preferred venue on the application form, but this cannot be guaranteed depending on room availability. Rooms are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.