



FAQ: Location

Where will the 2026 Spring Conference be held?

The conference will be held at the Hilton Columbus Downtown, 402 N High St, Columbus, OH 43215. The event will be located on the fourth and fifth floors of the tower building. Registration, general sessions, meals, the quiet room, and the universal changing station will be on the fifth floor. Breakouts and the lunch and learn will be on the fourth floor.

[See a map of the conference areas here.](#)

FAQ: Parking

How much is parking for the Spring Conference?

The conference registration fee includes the cost of parking *in select parking garages*. Those staying in the hotel should plan to park in the Vine Street garage (45 Vine St, Columbus, OH 43215). Parking should then be charged to the room, and those charges will be rerouted to OACB. For those coming in for the day, we recommend parking in either the Vine Street garage (can be accessed on Vine Street or on High Street by the Hilton 401 building) or the Goodale Street garage (70 E Goodale St, Columbus, OH 43215). Parking vouchers for day parking will be available at registration.

Conference pricing does NOT include valet parking at the hotel.

Attendees who require accessible parking should contact Lauren Conrath (lconrath@oacbdd.org) for more information.

[Map to area parking garages](#)

FAQ: Registration and Billing

How are conference participants billed for their attendance?

Everyone who has registered for the conference will be invoiced according to their membership status after the conference ends. County boards will receive a group invoice for staff that has registered and/or not canceled their registration before the May 13 cancellation date.

Do I need to register and pay to attend the conference if I am a presenter?

Registration and payment will not be required for presenters to attend any other sessions on the day of their presentation. Presenters who would like to attend an additional day of the conference must register and will be invoiced for that day.

If I opt out of lunch, how much will be deducted from the total registration fee?

Participants who opt out of the lunch option will have \$25 deducted from their total registration fee for each day of the event.

How do I register to attend the conference virtually?

Virtual sessions are set up as separate events in MemberConnect so you can register for them individually. These sessions are listed as "Hybrid Conference Session:...".

Can I attend one day of the conference in person and participate in another day of the conference through the virtual/hybrid sessions?

Yes, however, participants must sign up for their virtual sessions separately from their standard, in-person conference registration.

When does registration end for the conference?

Registration will end on Wednesday, May 13, at 5:00 p.m.

What if I need to cancel my registration?

Cancellations of in-person event registrations made by May 13 will not be charged. Due to event contract obligations, cancellations made after this date will be charged the full in-person attendance fee. Virtual-only attendees may cancel at any time prior to the event.

FAQ: Accommodations

What are the hotel arrangements for the Spring Conference?

The Spring Conference will be held at the Hilton Columbus Downtown. While the room block at the Hilton is currently full, there are several other hotels within walking distance. [View the area map](#) for nearby options.

FAQ: Vendor Tables, Program Ads, and Sponsorships

Where can I sign up for a vendor table at the conference?

[Vendor table registration can be found here.](#) Please note that each table is provided with two seats for representatives from your organization/company, who will receive name badge credentials for the event. Additional table attendants are permitted without charge; however, they will not be provided with name badges. ***The deadline to reserve a vendor table at the Spring Conference is Thursday, May 7, 2026, or until filled.***

How can I reserve an advertisement in the printed program?

[Program ads can be reserved here.](#) The deadline to reserve and submit program ads is Friday, April 24, 2026.

Are sponsorships available for other aspects of the Spring Conference?

Yes! OACB offers several high-visibility sponsorship opportunities for this year's conference. To learn more, contact Lauren Conrath (lconrath@oacbdd.org) or download the [sponsorship flyer](#) for more information.