



## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

### ASV 2023 Conference Updates *Read me before you head to Athens!*

We're looking forward to having you join us at the **42nd Annual Meeting of the American Society for Virology** at The Classic Center in Athens, Georgia and hosted by the University of Georgia.

**Name Badges:** *You must wear your ASV 2023 Name Badge to every ASV 2023 event.* Don't forget to bring your ASV 2022 (or previous) name badge holder to help ASV be more sustainable. Holders will be provided to those that don't have them.

**Transportation to Athens.** [Groome Transportation](#) offers service from Athens to and from the Atlanta Airport with convenient pick-up locations and 22 trips daily. ASV attendees save an additional \$5 each way on top of the discounted website pricing! Advance reservations *required*. Make your reservations **now** with this [link](#)!

**ASV 2023 Program PDF, Mobile App, and Wi-Fi:** The full ASV 2023 program PDF (scientific, educational, and social) is available on the ASV 2023 Mobile App. Free high-speed Wi-Fi is provided at The Classic Center. Login information will be provided at registration. Registrants have been sent the mobile app and link to Program PDF.

**ASV 2023 Meals:** Meals included with ASV 2023 registration are the Welcome Reception on Saturday (no meal served later); lunch Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday; dinner on Sunday and Monday, and the banquet dinner on Tuesday evening. Your ASV name badge is required for the meals. Saturday lunch is open only to satellite registrants. For guests staying at UGA's Russell Hall, breakfast is included with your housing.

**ASV 2023 Banquet Dinner & Dance:** The ASV Banquet Dinner will be served in Grand Hall 8, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday. Admission is open to all attendees and registered guests with ASV 2023 name badges. Drink tickets are accepted and wine by the bottle will be available for purchase. The Exhibitor prize winners will be announced during dessert. The ASV 2023 Dance immediately follows in the Pavilion from 8:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Music is provided by The Magictones, an Athens-based party band that performs at private and corporate events around Georgia and the greater southeast US.

**Drink Tickets:** Each drink ticket (issued at registration) is good for one glass of wine or draft beer at any ASV 2023-sponsored bar event. Beer and wine can also be purchased (credit card only). No outside alcohol is allowed into The Classic Center. Bartenders will refuse service to anyone without an ASV 2023 name badge or those behaving irresponsibly. For environmental conservation, no bottled water will be served. Refill water stations are found throughout The Classic Center.

**ASV is going green.** Show off your conservation prowess by bringing a previous ASV badge holder and conference bag with you.

**ASV 2023 T-shirts:** Pre-Ordered t-shirts can be picked up at registration. A limited supply of additional T-shirts will be available for purchase (credit cards accepted).

**Job & Message Boards:** Employment opportunities and messages for ASV attendees can be posted on information boards in The Classic Center Atrium. Please check these boards frequently for new postings.

**ASV 2023 Lounge/Internet:** Need to get away or just a quiet place to chat with collaborators? A comfortable lounge (Grand Hall 2) is available with power outlets for device charging. Please limit your plugin time so others may have access.

**Parents:** There is a private lactation room available at The Classic Center on the Upper Level near the bridge to cross over to the Foundry building. You can find a map of the location on the ASV 2023 mobile app.

**Exhibitors:** Companies will be exhibiting in Grand Hall 7 on Sunday and Monday. New technologies and publications will be on display. Exhibitors will be available to answer your questions. Make it a point to visit every exhibit. An “**Exhibitor Passport**” (in registration materials) can win valuable prizes to be awarded at the Tuesday Banquet.

**ASV Shuttle Buses:** ASV is teaming up with UGA and local Athens transportation providers to offer free dedicated ASV shuttle services between UGA housing and dining and The Arch (about a five minute walk to The Classic Center). Please see the ASV 2023 Mobile App or Program Book for the schedule.

**Parking:** ASV 2023 hotels each have individual parking requirements and costs; check with your hotel for details. Parking for UGA Russell Hall must be pre-purchased with registration. For more information on parking at The Classic Center, go to <https://classiccenter.com/263/Parking>.

**Lost & Found:** Lost and found is at the Registration Desk in the Atrium of The Classic Center.

**First Aid:** If minor first aid is required, go to the Registration Desk in the Atrium of The Classic Center. For emergencies, call 911.

**Transportation:** Uber and Lyft are both available in Athens and will provide rides to and from local spots. To utilize, download the Uber or Lyft app on your smartphone.

**Virulent: The Vaccine War.** A film screening of the documentary [Virulent: The Vaccine War](#) will be held on Monday and Tuesday nights at ASV 2023. Tuesday night's showing will be livestreamed to virtual attendees (real-time only, not recorded).

**Welcome Reception Concurrent Events:** The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee has organized a panel discussion on LGBTQ+ Allyship in Virology during the Welcome Reception, open to all. The Education and Careers Committee has organized a “Binning Virologists” table/meet-up space in Grand Hall 7 for newcomers and people on their own.