

# Attending the 55th Annual SAID Conference

In order to limit the spread of COVID-19, we'll be conducting the 55th Annual Session over Zoom. You can use Zoom on a phone or tablet, but for the best experience, we recommend using a computer. **Full disclosure: During parts of the live session schedule, you may be part of the recording. Just so you know!**

[Click here for instructions on joining a Zoom meeting from any device.](#)

Our agenda for this year's meeting is similar in structure to our usual in-person meetings, only virtual. There is time in the morning to say hello, breaks in between, time for lunch and a social hour in the evenings.

We understand that spending the entire conference in front of a computer might not work for everyone, so we'll be providing pre-recorded content for many of the sessions. You can watch the main content ahead of time and join the breakout, Q&A sessions and social gatherings live during the conference. (Or make other arrangements - read on...)

In order to qualify for CE credits, you must watch the pre-recorded content and join both the Q&A and the breakout sessions. **However, for those in earlier time zones, and for anyone who needs to step away for a bit, we can provide after-the-meeting opportunities to make up missed sessions. Please email [said@saiddent.org](mailto:said@saiddent.org) to let us know what you need. We truly do not expect anyone to be at a meeting at 4:30 AM in their time zone!**

**A change from our original plan:** The Q&A will now take place immediately following each presentation (previously each session had a breakout following. Now there is one breakout time at the end of the day.)

In the Q&A sessions, you can ask questions and get direct answers from the speakers. We'll also have the Zoom chat box open in the corner of your screen, so you can pose questions throughout the presentation. **We encourage you to enter your question in the chat box as you think of it**, so we will have it ready for the presenter when the presentation is finished.

**Another change:** There will be one breakout time at the end of each day, broken up into smaller groups by topic. Rather than a random sorting out, you will be able to

choose which topic you want to participate in. Links will be distributed for each breakout session, and you may choose which one to join.

During the breakout sessions, the attendees in each breakout room will be able to see and hear each other **assuming you each have your video and mic open**. The speakers are invited to pop into each group for a short period of time to participate in the discussions.

**Another update: NO quiz will be required if you are present during the actual meeting.** You will be asked to enter your name and email in the chat box at the beginning of the presentation and we will provide a code at the end. If you need to make up any of the sessions after the meeting takes place, you will be given quiz questions to establish that you “attended” that session. At the end of the conference, we will tally the CE’s for each attendee and provide a certificate documenting your credits.

### **Virtual Attendance Tips:**

- 1. If using a device with a battery (laptop, ipad, etc.) be sure to have access to electricity, as you will need juice as the day goes on.**
- 2. Check your internet connection and limit the amount of devices you have connected at one time. With more people working off their home internet service, some are experiencing delays.**
- 3. During breaks, stand and stretch, take a small walk around.**
- 4. At times during the breakout and Q&A sessions, your mic may be unmuted. Please try to keep any background noises to a minimum.**
- 5. If you’ve never used Zoom, do a test run beforehand. Open Zoom, explore a little, get a feel for what options are there.**

### **FAQs:**

**Will I have time to interact with other SAID attendees?**

**Yes, you will!** We have scheduled dedicated "hanging out" time, and we have planned it so that most of the agenda topics have a breakout session where you will be able to discuss the content with a limited number of co-attendees.

**Will I see everyone?**

**This is entirely up to your settings!** On Zoom, you have the option to see just the speaker and content full screen, have the content larger with a few other attendees visible on the side or do a “Brady Bunch” effect with as many people visible as your device can fit.

**Do I need to sit in front of an electronic device for the entire conference?**

**No!** Many of the sessions have been pre-recorded and will be accessible for you to view before or after the meeting. You would then have that time free during the meeting itself, and only be required to participate in the breakout sessions and the Q&A. ***Make sure to watch the pre-recorded content, and join the breakout and Q&A sessions to qualify for the CE credits (unless you contact us as previously stated to make up sessions.)***

**Speaking of CE Credits, how many are being offered?**

If you fulfill the requirements for all available courses, the maximum CE credits awarded would be **14.0**. All attendees will need to participate in or watch all segments that apply to each course (content, breakout session and Q&A) to gain CE credits.

**What is the cost?**

This year, since we do not need to commit to hotel rooms and food - everyone gets the same low price depending on your professional status. You will note that we have reflected our savings in the lower registration cost.

**Dentist - \$149 • Non-Dentist - \$99 • Students - \$10**  
**Membership Fees (Only) Dentist - \$50 • Non-Dentist - \$25**

**I am not attending the sessions - may I still join my SAID colleagues somehow?**

**Yes!** As long as membership fees are up-to-date, you may join the following sessions without registering for the full course: Wednesday 11/4 Strategy Meeting (3:00-5:00); Wednesday 11/4 Virtual President's Reception and BYO Cocktails (5:30-7:00); Thursday Social Hour (starts at 5:00); and Friday Social Hour (starts at 4:00). Once you pay your 2020 membership dues, you will be put on an email distribution that will give you the links for those sessions that are open to all members. We look forward to hanging out with you!