



# Accessibility

At the 2026 Minnesota Virtual Autism Conference

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AuSM is committed to hosting events that are welcome and accessible to as many attendees as possible. This document gives an overview of the accommodations we offer at the conference. Unfortunately, we cannot make every aspect of the event barrier-free. We are limited by finances, logistics, and staffing. This document also lays out potential barriers to help you plan in advance. If you have any questions about accessibility, please contact Megan Anton at [manton@ausm.org](mailto:manton@ausm.org). If you have specific accommodation requests, please send them to Megan by April 1 to ensure we have time to help.

## CURRENT ACCOMMODATIONS

The 2026 conference will be held virtually, allowing participants more freedom to create a space that is accessible for their needs. All sessions will be recorded and available to watch on demand for one month following the event.

- Captions used in every session
- Conference Information Guide with details about accessing sessions and navigating the site will be available on AuSM's website
- Slides available for download in advance of the event
- Program mailed to all attendees before the event
- AuSM staff will be available in all sessions to answer questions and provide support



# ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



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Most reasonable requests can be accommodated if the request is made in writing in advance to [manton@ausm.org](mailto:manton@ausm.org) by April 1.

- ASL interpretation or CART captioning
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- Disabling of chat function to support screen readers

## POTENTIAL BARRIERS

- Because the event is virtual, internet access is required. Bad connections may make it difficult or impossible to see and hear presenters.
- The event will be hosted on Zoom: attendees must download Zoom and feel comfortable navigating it.
- All sessions will include screen-sharing, which can be difficult for some visually impaired individuals.
- While AuSM has provided guidance to our speakers, we cannot guarantee that everyone will present in a clearly lit setting with a simple background. Lip reading may be difficult, or the background may be distracting.
- Break times between sessions are only 15 minutes.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Download and update Zoom the day before the event begins.
- Create a space that is comfortable for you! Set up your favorite seating, have snacks or beverages nearby, use fidgets, and dress comfortably. Take advantage of the virtual event.
- Take breaks. Since all sessions will be recorded, you can come back to the content later.
- Keep your program nearby to help navigate the conference.

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