



The AEG Executive Council is monitoring the developing situation with respect to the COVID-19 virus, with our members' health and safety as a top priority. This is a rapidly evolving situation, and we will follow the latest Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO) updates for guidance on the most effective and sensible prevention measures.

It's important to listen to facts and not respond to fear. The [CDC website for the coronavirus disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#) is an excellent resource of information. As of March 12th, the CDC reports "For the majority of people, the immediate risk of being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to be low".

Nevertheless, AEG is monitoring the possibility that person-to-person transmission may become a higher public health threat. You may be aware that many organizations and businesses have cancelled or postponed upcoming events and have taken steps to limit or eliminate in-person meetings and travel for the time-being to reduce the risk of spreading viruses.

For all AEG Chapter meetings and events, it is the responsibility of the Chapter officers to make the difficult decision on whether to cancel upcoming scheduled events or to host these events as scheduled. The Chapter officers shall communicate with their members and event registrants regarding any schedule changes and cancellation policies, as necessary to limit exposure to illness.

We encourage everyone to take [steps to prevent illness](#) by continuing to practice general flu prevention measures including:

- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or sleeve.
- Wash your hands regularly.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

- Get your flu shot – it's never too late.
- Stay home if you're feeling sick. Call your doctor and let them know your symptoms and travel history.

As professionals, we have a responsibility to consider the health and safety of our colleagues, their families, and the general public. With this in mind, we will continue to assess and communicate about any possible impact to AEG scheduled events and our ongoing efforts regarding the coronavirus.

Sincerely,

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