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Everyone is vitally aware of the COVID 19 (coronavirus), which is of very serious concern across the globe. We do not intend to supplant any information you are and should be receiving via the World Health Organization (WHO) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC), or the health authorities governing your jurisdiction. We do want to make you aware that as an Association, we are closely monitoring the situation, not only through regular updates from WHO and CDC, but also in communication with other associations and events.

We will continue to operate in the vein of business as usual – planning for meetings and events, providing member services and benefits, etc., until such time, if warranted, that we must shift gears. In the meantime, we would recommend the following steps:

1. Be alert and closely monitor the key sources of information, WHO and CDC. Anyone can subscribe to the CDC information at their special page (see below).
2. Pandemic planning is similar to emergency planning, but with more specifics. Your existing emergency plan may have components essential to a pandemic plan (i.e., business continuity in case your staff/volunteers cannot leave home to report to work, additional cleaning protocols, special messaging for stakeholders, etc. Most organizations have completed or are working on a pandemic plan.

The US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is the most reliable source of information and news in the United States. Their website resources and news page are constantly updated. Main Portal Page: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>

- Information for Business: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/guidance-business-response.html>
- Information for Health Departments: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/index.html>
In this section, some of the documents from the influenza pandemic in 2009 in the Pandemic Preparedness Resources have guidance on mass gatherings, school closures – you'll need to read and search for relevant material.
- Communications Resources: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/index.html>

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have questions or need information specific to APPA operation.

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