

ALHHS/MeMA2020  
Ann Arbor, Michigan (6-7 May 2020)

## Coronavirus (COVID-19) and our annual meeting (#1)

Dear colleagues:

As conference season comes upon us, there's been lots of discussion at our individual institutions about strategies to take surrounding Coronavirus (COVID-19) transmission. There are a number of non-essential travel restrictions being imposed by many of our home institutions, which will have an impact on our annual meeting in early May in Michigan.

I, and certainly our colleagues across multiple committees and governance for ALHHS/MeMA, are discussing ways to approach the annual meeting. We will be following public health recommendations to ensure that our membership is safe. We'll also be in dialogue with AAHM, as our conference is closely tied to theirs.

At this point, we will work with our Local Arrangements committee to check on cancellation policies related to our different reservations. We'll let you know the very last day to register, recognizing that many of you have been asked to hold off on booking travel. If cancellation seems certain, we will work with members who already registered for the conference to refund the cost of registration. I'm not sure at this point whether we may hold a version of the conference via videoconferencing, and welcome thoughts from our members on this point. And we will keep communications open, and try to update regularly.

Please feel free to share any thought or concerns with me or members of the governance group directly, or if there's something you want to share with the membership, through the listserv ([alhhs-l@lists.ucla.edu](mailto:alhhs-l@lists.ucla.edu)). I appreciate everyone's patience in this period of major uncertainty. Please stay well and keep safe.

I'll be sending out a different email tomorrow related to voting for officers and our new name, in a small spot of better news.

On behalf of the Steering Committee,

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