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### Update on COVID-19 and the 2020 SPSP Annual Convention

It's hard to believe we were in New Orleans for SPSP 2020 only one month ago. Since that time, the landscape of our society has shifted dramatically. As the COVID-19 outbreak continues to spread domestically and internationally, our well wishes and thoughts are with our members, their families, and our affected communities.

As you may have heard, New Orleans is emerging as a hotspot for the pandemic in the United States. This situation has led to some questions from attendees. At this time, we have not heard of any confirmed cases of our attendees contracting coronavirus, but we have been notified of a handful of attendees who did develop cold-like symptoms after the conference (within the window of infection). Again, these cases are not confirmed as COVID-19 related, but we will continue to monitor the situation and let the membership know if we learn otherwise. Relatedly, if you know of a conference attendee with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis within two weeks of the convention, please let us know so we can track this information and inform the membership. It's important to note that the publicized transmission and incubation periods for the virus have passed in the month since our event, so we are hopeful that our membership is healthy and that there were no attendees exposed during the SPSP conference. With the increasing spread in local communities, we encourage you to take all necessary precautions to keep yourselves healthy and safe. If you experience worrying symptoms, we encourage you to follow the guidance of local health authorities.

SPSP continues to monitor the situation and is putting contingency plans into place to serve our members better. We encourage you to access the [following resources](#) on online teaching and coping. Look out for additional resources and services that support our members during these difficult times.

If you have any concerns, please reach out at [briddleberger@spsp.org](mailto:briddleberger@spsp.org).

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