Important COVID-19 Update

Earlier this week, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the COVID-19 (corona virus) a global pandemic. This is an ever-evolving situation, and we recognize that we all need to make decisions that best support our own health, and the health of those around us.

Yesterday afternoon, we learned of the new measures from Toronto’s Chief Medical Officer, encouraging event planners to postpone events and begin social distancing measures. HRPA takes the health of the public, event participants, volunteers and staff extremely seriously. As COVID-19 continues to spread in Canada and around the world, we wanted to update you on HRPA’s preparedness initiatives to ensure your health and safety – as well as our continued service.

At the time of writing our message yesterday in our Professional Insider, most of HRPA’s professional development (PD) and Chapter activities continued to be offered as scheduled including in-person events, classes and programs. With this new information, posted from Toronto’s Chief Medical Officer, we are writing to inform you that all in-person HRPA and Chapter programs will be postponed for a period of thirty days. Refunds will be issued without penalty for this period of time.

Since the onset of COVID-19, HRPA has proactively monitored the situation daily, in Ontario and abroad. Our Emergency Response Team has been activated, and we have implemented practices including facilitating work from home for staff, disinfection of event spaces, hand sanitizers and investigating options to host our events virtually. We are prepared to provide uninterrupted service to our registrants/members and the public through fully remote services, should the outbreak require our physical office to close.

We have compiled COVID-19 information and materials, available through our online HRPA Resource Centre.

The well-being of our members, volunteers, stakeholders and staff is our utmost priority, and we will continue to update you on the evolving situation.