Message from ADSA Regarding the Novel Coronavirus

The ADSA Board and staff are continuously monitoring the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. We are closely following statements from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO). At this time, no federal restrictions are in place to prevent meetings and travel within the United States, and as such we are planning for the ADSA Annual Meeting to take place as planned in West Palm Beach, Florida, June 21–24, 2020.

We are working closely with our partners in West Palm Beach and the Palm Beach County Convention Center to ensure that your time with ADSA in West Palm Beach is as safe as possible. As of this time, the Palm Beach County Convention Center has assured us that they are taking the following steps:

- Working with a third-party housekeeping company to expand cleaning processes while appraising routine sanitation procedures to safeguard overall levels of health and safety. Internal communications are ongoing to ensure that facility staff understands the way COVID-19 spreads and how to prevent it.
- Commonly touched items are routinely cleaned, and hand sanitizer stations have been made available throughout the facility.
- Spectra Venue Management and the PBCCC leadership team are monitoring updates and implementing directives from the CDC and WHO, as well as Palm Beach County government officials.
- Encouraging the use of plastic-wrapped disposable utensils for food functions rather than grouped utensils or wrapped silverware.
- Encouraging employees to take precautions and prevention seriously. These precautions are similar to those that help prevent the spread of cold and flu viruses. Employees are being discouraged from the work environment if they are experiencing any flu-like symptoms.
- Educating staff to wash their hands often, with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, promoting the use of hand sanitizer. Counseling staff to avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands, and avoiding close contact with people who are sick.

Please watch your email and the [ADSA Annual Meeting website](mailto:adsaannualmeeting) for any updates. Should information and restrictions from either the CDC or WHO change, ADSA will act accordingly and update you as soon as possible.

Resources

[CDC Coronavirus Information](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/)

[WHO Coronavirus Information](https://www.who.int/)