



Monday, March 9, 2020

Greetings from the SCCPA 50th Anniversary Conference Committee!

We are so excited to see you later this week in Myrtle Beach. We are reaching out to provide as much information as we can about this week's conference. As you all likely realize, the situations related to COVID-19 are changing day to day. We know that most campuses are sending out daily updates and that there is new information coming from the CDC and other sources on a regular basis.

This email is to confirm that as of now, the conference is scheduled to continue. We are in conversation with ACPA as well as the conference venue as the conference kick-off approaches. Should directives at the national or state level change, those may dictate whether we will be able to have the conference. Until that time, the plan is to move ahead as scheduled.

While we are hopeful that the conference will move forward, we also want to encourage each of you to make decisions you need to in terms of your own health and safety. If you have questions or concerns, please let us know. We will do our best to provide or to get and share any information you need.

If the conference *is* canceled, you will receive that information as well as additional relevant information as soon as possible. Thank you so much for your support of SCCPA. More to come in the next few days.

If you are unable to attend the conference for any reason or you will be cancelling your hotel reservation with our hotel site, please let us know as soon as possible so we can share the most up-to-date information with our partners.

Attached items:

- Resort Property Map - our conference site is the Embassy Suites hotel located within Kingston Resorts.
- Hotel Meeting Room Layout - our sessions will be held in Windsor A, B, & C as well as Hampton and Winchester
- Conference Schedule
- Educational Sessions Schedule

COVID-19

We are making every effort to consider the impact that COVID-19 could have on our conference. Below is Hilton's official statement regarding their preparations for COVID-19, which we share with you to help answer questions you may have about our conference site. If you have any additional

questions, please email the conference chairs, Michelle Boettcher (mboettc@clermson.edu) and Molly Callahan (callahanmj1@cofc.edu).

The wellbeing of Hilton's guests and Team Members is our highest priority, and we remain diligent in our commitment to provide a safe, hospitable environment for all who visit our properties.

We have done our due diligence in terms of proactively preparing our hotel and our team by:

- *Ensuring our property is equipped with hand sanitizer stations throughout*
- *Providing antibacterial soap in all public restrooms*
- *Increasing the frequency at which we clean our restrooms and public spaces*
- *Cleaning all spaces with the highest rated Ecolab chemicals*

How can our guests and attendees protect themselves?

The CDC offers the following recommendations to prevent the spread of respiratory illness:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Frequently asked question: Should group meeting guests wear facemasks to protect themselves?

Answer: The World Health Organization (WHO) and the United States Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), along with global local authorities, have been partnering to provide coronavirus guidance. At this time, they have not recommended wearing a facemask as a preventative measure

Conference Assessment

We wanted to proactively provide you with our assessment links for the conference. Please save this email in order to provide feedback to our presenters and conference planning team.

Individual Sessions: www.bit.ly/2020sccpaedsessions

Overall Conference: www.bit.ly/2020sccpaconference

Sincerely,

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