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The CSCCa is closely monitoring all updates related to the conditions created by the coronavirus (COVID-19), as our top concern is the health, safety, and welfare of our member coaches and our exhibitors. Right now, we as a nation have been advised by our top health care professionals and our government leaders to restrict large gatherings. As a result, many events have been postponed or cancelled in an effort to slow and hopefully minimize the peaking of the number of infections so that our health care system is not overwhelmed and incapacitated. These cancellations are also being done in an effort to protect the health of our most vulnerable populations. The CSCCa supports these efforts and will do everything possible to mitigate the effects of this disease.

Many of our members and exhibitors have reached out to us wanting to know the status of the 2020 CSCCa National Conference and 20th Anniversary Celebration which is scheduled to be held at Walt Disney World May 6-8. We have been in constant communication with Walt Disney World and their healthcare professionals as we monitor the conditions created by the progression of this illness. Disney World announced yesterday, March 12th that it, along with Disney Land, will be closing through the end of March. This is a prudent action taken on their part to protect the health of their employees and the general population. At that time, we are confident that they will re-evaluate the situation and determine if continued closures are warranted.

That is what the CSCCa is doing regarding the upcoming national conference. We will continue to monitor the situation over the next two weeks to see if conditions dramatically improve and if looks like the worst is over. We are aware that many universities have cancelled all travel for employees. We are hoping that they too are monitoring the situation closely and will allow employees to begin travelling if conditions warrant it. We do not want to make rash decisions that are based on unknown conditions. We will make the best decision possible with the facts and information we have available at the time regarding whether or not to move forward with the national conference. **We hope to make a final decision during the first week in April.**

We know that this uncertainty is extremely disconcerting and distressing to everyone. We share this concern, but this is an unprecedented situation in which we find ourselves, and we have no other choice but to “wait and see.”

In order to help everyone with this uncertainty, please remember the following:

- The CSCCa will refund 100% of the conference registration fee or roll it over to next year's national conference if the conference is cancelled or if the individual is unable to attend as a result of the coronavirus.
- Many airlines are allowing tickets that are purchased during the month of March to be cancelled without the usual "change fee." The individual then has one year in which to use the ticket. Please be sure, however, to check the specific airline you would be utilizing to see if they are offering this protection and what options they are specifically offering.

Regarding the Spring 2020 SCCC Certification Exam: Please remember that all candidates must meet ALL deadlines in order to be eligible to sit for the exam.

- The written exam is offered at testing centers around the country and candidates should make every effort to take the exam during the established testing window if their testing center remains open. In the event that testing opportunities are disrupted due to the virus, please contact the CSCCa as soon as possible so that necessary accommodations can be made.
- The practical exam, however, is only offered at the national conference. If the upcoming national conference is cancelled, test candidates will be notified of the options available to them for taking this portion of the exam at a different time and location. Program designs, regardless of whether or not the conference takes place, must be submitted by the published deadline.

We sincerely apologize for all this uncertainty, but that is the state the entire nation is in at the current time. We all continue to hope and pray that the situation improves drastically within the coming weeks and that we can begin to return to our normal activities and routines. But in the meantime, we appreciate your patience as we work through the challenges this virus has presented. We encourage everyone to take all necessary precautions to remain safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dr. Chuck Stiggins".

Dr. Chuck Stiggins
CSCCa Executive Director