Dear Doctors and Students in the Naturopathic Community,

The AANP has been following the public health community’s efforts to contain the spread of the coronavirus and COVID-19 outbreak, and has made the difficult decision to cancel the DC FLI as an in-person event, April 25–27.

As Naturopathic Doctors dedicated to prevention, our first commitment always is to prioritize the safety and health of our participants, our doctors, our staff, and members of Congress and the general public. Three western states where naturopathic colleges are located have declared a state of emergency, prompting cancellation of in-person classes and travel bans for non-essential travel. And cases of COVID-19 have recently been confirmed in the Washington DC area, increasing the potential that additional prevention and quarantine measures may be taken by Congress and the federal government to protect public safety.

The DC FLI is an essential event for us to move federal initiatives forward, and we rely on student participation especially to educate as many congressional offices as possible about naturopathic medicine.

While we may not be able to meet in person, it is still imperative that we work to educate congressional members! We will be exploring options to restructure the event in a way that allows us to offer the same quality leadership trainings to students and state leaders, as well as reach as many congressional offices as possible in 2020.

We understand that this is an unexpected change, and thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate this situation. Here are steps we recommend for all who were planning to attend DC FLI:

- If you have already made flight arrangements, many carriers are being very generous with their cancellation/change policies. Please contact them as soon as possible.
- AANP will issue a full refund to all attendees who have registered.
- NMSA International and NMSA chapters will be coordinating next steps with students.

While the DC FLI will not take place in the way we intended it this year, our
associations will work hard together to bring you the training and advocacy events that have become a powerful cornerstone of our state and federal initiatives. We also invite you to join an Open House with the AANP leadership, Dr. Rob Kachko, President, and Laura Farr, Executive Director on March 30th 8:00 EDT / 5:00 PDT to talk about this or anything else that is on your mind. Stay tuned for next steps!

**Upcoming AANP Events**

**Open House with AANP Leadership**
March 30, 8:00 EDT / 5:00 PDT

[Register Now](#)

**AANP 2020 Annual Convention**
July 9-11, Denver, CO

[Register Now](#)

**CE & Webinars Coming Soon**
View our calendar - more CE-eligible events will be posted soon!

If you have any questions, please email [advocacy@naturopathic.org](mailto:advocacy@naturopathic.org).