



## Special Message from APT

Dear APT Members,

As news of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) continues, we would like to share an update on our efforts to continue providing member resources, while also protecting the health and safety of our staff and community.

Like you, we're following the advice and guidelines from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO). As the National APT Office resides in California, we are also abiding by the precautionary measures set forth by the federal and state government. Today, our local government issued a "shelter in place" order that goes into effect at midnight **Wednesday, March 18, 2020 until March 31, 2020**, with the possibility of extension. Due to this, the APT staff will be working remotely with the full capabilities of serving our members *via email* effective **Thursday, March 19, 2020**.

In the meantime, here are some of our top priorities and updates for Members:

- **Resource Webpage:** Stay informed with our [Coronavirus Resource Page](#) and [Tips for a Clean Playroom](#). These resources will be updated as appropriate. Share both pages with colleagues, students, and staff.
- **APT Annual Conference - NEW DATE COMING!** To avoid the impact of the Coachella Valley Music Festival, we are moving the 37th Annual APT International Conference. Watch *PlayToday* for the new dates.
- **E-Learning Center:** Although face-to-face events may be postponed or cancelled, the APT E-Learning Center is available for your professional development needs. In an effort to assist you, APT will offer 50% off the entire [E-Learning Center](#) effective today through April 30, 2020. This resource includes online learning opportunities, including past conference recordings, audio programs, play therapy specific books, IJPT® articles, and the Spotlight Series. Use Discount code **SPRING50** to SAVE.
- **Credentialing Q & A Conference Call:** APT's first Credentialing Q & A Conference Call was a success. APT will continue this resource to answer your credentialing questions, and we invite you to join the next call on **April 8, 2020**. Watch *PlayToday* for registration information.
- **Social Media:** In 2019, APT saw a surge of credentialed registrants. We want to continue honoring these achievements by sharing accomplishment on APT's social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter).

We are committed to providing you with current information and resources as we navigate our way through this uncharted territory. We encourage you to stay connected with your peers via the [Play Therapy Connection](#) forum by sharing resources, telehealth information, and encouragement. Let's do all we can to support and uplift one another. Remember, our greatest resource is our community. Play therapists are resilient, and together we will come out of this stronger, wiser, and more prepared.

As always, please feel free to reach out to us with any questions you may have. Thank you for your unwavering support.

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