

March 16, 2020

The CRCPD Program Planning Committee and the Board of Directors have made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 National Conference on Radiation Control, scheduled for May 4-7, 2020, at the Doubletree by Hilton in Williamsburg, VA, due to circumstances surrounding the novel coronavirus, COVID-19. Large events and mass gatherings can contribute to the spread of COVID-19 in the United States via travelers who attend these events and introduce the virus to new communities. In recent days, most of the states and several of the federal agencies with whom we partner are under travel restrictions. In addition, the Commonwealth of Virginia has issued a statewide ban of “public gatherings of greater than 100 individuals...in a single room or confined space such as conferences and auditoriums.” On March 15, 2020, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in accordance with its guidance for large events and mass gatherings, recommended that for the next 8 weeks, organizers (whether groups or individuals) cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the United States.

This is the first time we have had to cancel our National Conference, but this situation is unprecedented and is necessary to protect everyone’s safety and well-being. The Mammography Training and other training sessions that were scheduled to take place in conjunction with the conference are also cancelled. Committees that were scheduled to meet during that time will be rescheduling their meetings.

The CRCPD Annual Business Meeting will be held by webinar on Thursday, May 7, 2020, during the week that was set aside for the Conference. While it is always important that we have sufficient Director Members represented at our business meeting to meet our quorum requirements, it is critical to the continuity of Conference operations that we have full participation this year. All members and federal partners will receive a separate email containing information about joining that webinar within the next few days.

If you have already registered for the Conference, your registration fees will be refunded within the next 30 days. If you made reservations at the Doubletree under the room block for the meeting, these have been cancelled by the hotel. We have not made any flight arrangements to date, but for those who have already booked their flights, we understand that many airlines are allowing flight cancelations/changes without penalty at this time. Please inform us if you have any problems.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2021 CRCPD Annual Conference in Danvers (Boston North Shore), MA, and to hearing from many of you virtually during the Annual Business Meeting.

Apologies in advance if you receive this message more than once.

Best regards to all,

Ruth E. McBurney
Executive Director