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AOC shares in the global concern of the spread of COVID-19 has created and the uncertainty in the global travel community. U.S. airlines have suspended hundreds of flights and global supply chains have been disrupted. While public health authorities' study and combat the virus, the risk to Americans remains low, with no restrictions on travel anywhere other than to and from mainland China.

The AOC is following the information and direction of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. According to the CDC, these asymptomatic travelers, who have not tested positive for the virus but are under quarantine due to their recent travel, are not a risk to the public. AOC and NAWCWD are closely monitoring key developments, but operations at Naval Base Ventura County continue as normal. For now, we are continuing to proceed as planned with the 49th Annual EW Collaborative Symposium being held March 31 – April 2, 2020.

We will continue to emphasize the advice and guidance for travelers offered by public health officials — and urge our attendees and industry partners to do the same as appropriate through their channels — which, at the moment, is similar to counsel during U.S. flu seasons:

- Wash hands often
- Cough into your elbow and sneeze into a tissue
- Consult with a doctor before traveling when sick
- Stay up to date on vaccinations
- Avoid contact with people who are already sick
- Avoid contact with animals while traveling
- Be aware of latest travel advisories from the CDC and the U.S. Department of State

We all hope this global health crisis will soon be resolved, and we will continue to keep you updated.

Sincerely,



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