Statement on COVID-19 from IAFCCP President Ryan Walter

The IAFCCP has been monitoring the growing spread of COVID-19 within the U.S., as well as its global impact. For those of us in the medical transport industry, there are additional issues we need to consider and to be prepared for. As healthcare professionals, we will bear much of the burden of this crises, and our communities will judge us by the way we manage this pandemic.

Navigating through these uncharted waters can take its toll on your health, so remember to first take care of yourself. It is important for you to manage your stress through exercise, meditation or doing something you enjoy. These techniques, and positive thinking, can help you feel more empowered to handle stressful situations.

We are concerned for your safety and the safety of all clinicians during this pandemic. Our aim is to support the health and safety measures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization, as well as your organization's safety measures and we encourage you to follow their guidelines in your practice.

Out of concern, yesterday afternoon we made the difficult decision to cancel our Critical Care Transport Medicine Conference and the Pittman Review Course in April. As the impact of the coronavirus evolves, you can count on your Association to share information and updates impacting the medical transport community.

If you have any questions or would like to share what your own organization is doing to manage the situation, please contact us at info@iafcp.org.

Keep well,

Ryan Walter