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### **NCRPA response to COVID - 3.13.2020 - 12:00pm**

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**Raleigh, North Carolina-** The North Carolina Recreation and Park Association (NCRPA) is following the evolving novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in our state, across the country and the world. NCRPA staff is closely monitoring the situation to determine how and when it may affect various events this spring. NCRPA is following the CDC employer response recommendations for our office as well as NCRPA-sponsored events.

As of now, the 2020 SWAC Basketball Tournament is canceled, with an alternative to be offered later in the year. The Recreation Programs Summit will be offered in a shortened format online on its original dates, March 31st and April 1st, with part of the workshop taking place in Greensboro later on this spring. NCRPA's third meeting of our Racial Equity Learning Cohort has been moved to April 23rd. NCRPA will continue reviewing alternative means of delivery for workshops and events so members can continue their professional development and earn CEUs. As the situation evolves and we learn more, we will work on updating members on possible changes to workshops, events, and meetings. The health, wellness, and safety of our members and the communities they serve is important to all of us at NCRPA.

We also know many of our members are having the same conversations with their teams and stakeholders across the towns, counties, and regions they serve. Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Department serve communities in various capacities from after school, athletics, senior centers, aquatics, special events and more. Additionally, many parks and recreation departments are vital to emergency management response, supporting by providing physical space, resources, and staff capacity. NCRPA will work to support our members as we all do our best to remain healthy.

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) put together a variety resources that can be found here:  
<https://www.nrpa.org/our-work/Three-Pillars/health-wellness/coronavirus-disease-2019/>

Additionally, the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) is continuing to share updated information on [how to prevent the spread of coronavirus](#).

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services also has resources available here:  
<https://www.ncdhs.gov/divisions/public-health/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-response-north-carolina>

As efforts are built to combat the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) in U.S. communities, the N.C. League of Municipalities has assembled the following list of resources here:  
[https://www.ncml.org/resourceLibrary/Pages/Corona-Virus.aspx?fbclid=IwAR03yyByEd5sJj66HqxY4wMtvHVIEC\\_xtimjbM9Se2Teqz9eUKj\\_-Kst\\_LI](https://www.ncml.org/resourceLibrary/Pages/Corona-Virus.aspx?fbclid=IwAR03yyByEd5sJj66HqxY4wMtvHVIEC_xtimjbM9Se2Teqz9eUKj_-Kst_LI)

**About the North Carolina Recreation & Park Association:** Founded in 1944, the North Carolina Recreation & Park Association (NCRPA) is the premier nonprofit education and advocacy organization, dedicated to the advancement of the park, recreation and leisure professions in our state. NCRPA empowers park and recreation professionals and citizen board members through educational opportunities that enhance their ability to change lives and impact communities on a daily basis for the citizens of North Carolina. For an overview of the programs and services offered by the organization, visit <http://www.ncrpa.net>.

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