

Our First Priority: Conference Safety

Everyone wants to be together but how can we do so safely? Your Regional Directors and Steering Committees have kept this first on our minds as we plan. We are providing a “Travel Toolkit” in this issue to help you take pre-cautions. Also, we encourage you to travel with extra masks and plenty of sanitizing wipes. The conference hotels have provided extensive safety protocols to protect us as well as their employees. They are also included here to help you plan your conference time.

We all long for the return of hugs and warm greetings with our colleagues. In order to feel safe without offending anyone, we will be providing you with a “Fellowship Sticker” for the top of your name badge. **Red** means you wish others to respect your space due to compromised family health; you would prefer a wave hello. **Yellow** indicates you prefer caution with a fist or elbow bump. **Green** means you are comfortable with a hug. Pick your own comfort zone, and we will respect your wishes!

Hotel Precautions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Put in link to Crowne Plaza and their protocols• Face coverings will still be required in all public areas for employees and guests.• Already rigorous cleaning protocols have been enhanced with frequent and detailed sanitization with hospital grade disinfectants, use of electrostatic sprayers, and air purifying systems.• Guest contact includes extra safety precaution and social distancing is practiced.• Food handlers and supervisors have been trained in specialized safety practices, practicing enhanced sanitation, and modifying operational practices to protect guests.• Meeting spaces will be set up in accordance with enhanced safety protocols and with consideration to social distancing.• Pack sanitizing wipes or non-aerosol disinfectant spray.• Before unpacking, disinfect high-touch areas (door handles, drawer knobs, faucets, counters, and light switches, television controls, pens, etc.).• Open the windows if you can, should you wish to get air circulating.• Disinfect vending machine buttons before you use them.
Airplane Travel
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be sure to have an appropriate face covering that fits securely.• If possible, choose an airline that leaves middle seats empty.• Turn the vent so that purified air flows toward your face (planes use HEPA filters).• Wear two tight-fitting masks and consider wearing a face shield, if desired.• Maintain physical distancing when in line, etc.• Sanitize frequently touched surfaces (control buttons, seat belt, arm rests, tray table, seat back in front of you, etc.).• Clean your hands often and well (soap/water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer with at least 67% alcohol and do not wipe dry).• Carry your own water bottle with an appropriate lid and preferred snacks (most airlines are only providing services in first class).• Magazines are not available.