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To: All ADDC Members  
From: ADDC Board of Directors  
Date: March 11, 2020  
Subject: Region Meeting Attendance – Coronavirus

There has been a lot of communication around travel right now due to the global concerns regarding the current Coronavirus outbreak. There has been a lot of discussion around the Association, especially surrounding the upcoming Southeast Region Meeting, a portion of which is taking place on a Carnival Cruise Line, Western Caribbean Cruise in April. As of now, travelers have been assured by Carnival that they are taking extraordinary measures to ensure passengers the highest level of protection possible. The GACs of the Southeast Region Meeting will be working with the members of the Southeast Region to make sure the Region's necessary business can be transacted, whether or not members choose to cancel their cruise and/or cancel attendance at the land-based pre-cruise activities that are planned prior to the cruise departure. Information will be sent out by Region Meeting GACs or your RDs as it becomes available.

The most important thing is the health and well-being of our members. Most of us feel safe in groups the size of most of our Region Meetings. However, we want our members to know that we respect each other's need to make decisions that we feel are in our best interest, based upon our own personal situations. If you feel that attending your Region Meeting poses a risk to your health for any reason, we encourage you to do what you feel is best for you. Under the circumstances, everyone understands there is nothing more important than your health and that of your loved ones.

Please be aware, however, that lower than budgeted attendance could lead to the Region Meeting suffering a financial loss, which would result in the inability for the Region Meeting Fund to issue a refund for registration fees already received, as requested refunds are issued after the last Region Meeting related expenses are paid and it is determined there are funds available.

Hopefully, there will be a quick resolution to this issue and the number of new cases and reported deaths will soon begin to wane and we won't have to have this concern hanging over us as we start making plans to attend our Convention and Educational Conference in September. Please pray for this outbreak to slow and subside as the medical community works on a vaccine/cure for it.

Finally, please be vigilant in taking your own precautions to stay healthy. Follow the medical community's instructions. Wash your hands thoroughly with soap for 20 seconds regularly; use hand sanitizer; etc. We want you to stay healthy, so we can see each other soon!

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