

MARCH 8, 2020: ACMG ANNOUNCES CANCELLATION OF THE 2020 ACMG ANNUAL CLINICAL GENETICS MEETING DUE TO CONTINUING SPREAD OF COVID-19 AND GROWING CONCERNS OVER THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF PARTICIPANTS: CANCELLATION DEEMED TO BE THE MOST RESPONSIBLE ACTION AT THIS TIME

After careful deliberations, the leadership of the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG) has made the difficult and unprecedented decision to cancel the upcoming 2020 ACMG Clinical Genetics meeting scheduled for March 17-21, 2020 in San Antonio, Texas.

“We deeply regret any inconvenience caused by cancellation of the ACMG meeting and we share your disappointment, but we believe this is the most responsible course of action to protect the health and well-being of attendees and the patients they serve, presenters, exhibitors, staff, vendors and all those engaged in the conference,” said Max Muenke, MD, FACMG, chief executive officer of the ACMG.

The American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics had been continuously monitoring the information from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), [World Health Organization](#) and [US Department of State](#) on the spread of the novel coronavirus disease COVID-19. In addition to restrictions on international and domestic travel; ACMG leadership had become aware over the last 48 hours of a rapidly increasing number of travel bans being imposed on employees by healthcare institutions and companies across the US, along with rising concerns that travel to large group gatherings is not judicious from a public and personal health perspective.

ACMG President Tony Gregg, MD, FACMG said, “This decision was especially hard because so many have spent countless hours planning and preparing to attend our meeting in San Antonio. I would like to especially thank Dr. Jennelle Hodge and the program committee, along with the many speakers and session leaders who ensure that each annual meeting harbors best in class educational opportunities. Our meeting in San Antonio was on track to be one of the best ever. Thank you! The support and commitment by industry is also recognized as being pivotal to the success of the ACMG Annual Clinical Meeting. Of utmost importance, however, is the health of our attendees and the health and safety of the patients we serve.”

The ACMG staff and Board of Directors is considering rescheduling a meeting in San Antonio in August (25-29, 2020) that can facilitate the educational needs of our members. We will provide an update as soon as information becomes available.

ACMG asks for your understanding and patience as we work through the complex and immense logistics of this extraordinary and difficult circumstance. We ask you to please not call or email the ACMG office at this time while details are sorted out and decisions are made.

Note – if you booked your hotel through ACMG’s official housing partner, CMR, please do not contact them or the hotels directly at this time. ACMG will be notifying them of the status and they will be sending cancellation confirmations to all attendees and exhibitors with reservations.

Please continue to watch our meeting website at www.acmgmeeting.net for updates as they become available. Exhibitors and registrants will receive emails from ACMG with further information within the next 10-14 days.