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The Society for the Advancement of Blood Management (SABM) is taking all developments concerning coronavirus disease (COVID-19) very seriously. **At this time, there are no plans to postpone or cancel the SABM 2020 Annual Meeting which takes place on September 9-12, 2020 at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, Nevada.** The SABM Annual Meeting Planning Committee, Scientific Committee and Certification Course Workgroup are all working hard to make sure there will be great content to deliver.

Please be on the lookout for information on Poster Abstract submission instructions next week.

Registration is expected to open in late-April.

As we receive information from the appropriate regulatory authorities we will make sure to update all of you. The health and safety of all attendees is our highest priority.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is working with state and local governments to implement aggressive measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. In addition, there are several easy ways that we can all minimize the risk of exposure. As advised by The World Health Organization (WHO), these are the same basic steps we should be taking every day to prevent the spread of illnesses such as the flu and the common cold:

- Wash your hands frequently. Keeping hands clean through improved hand hygiene is one of the most important steps we can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. In addition, having hand sanitizer readily available is always a good idea.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands. Put your used tissue in a waste basket and wash your hands after coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- If possible avoid close contact with people who are sick, or who appear to have symptoms of a respiratory illness.

We will continue to provide updates as the situation develops and new information becomes available.

Thank you,
SABM Headquarters