Coronavirus outbreak

Dear Mr. Spycher,

On behalf of President and ICCA Board of Directors we would like to express the solidarity and support of the global meetings industry community with our members in Wuhan, including their staff and families, and all others affected by this outbreak globally.

ICCA is in touch with all members affected and will make every effort to help them. I urge the ICCA family to extend their support to the industry colleagues, the members and people in China.

Let’s stay strong and confident.

Senthil Gopinath,
CEO, ICCA
On 30 January the World Health Organization declared the Coronavirus outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern.

When facing uncertainty or crisis, identifying reliable and timely sources of information is critical to making responsible decisions. We have put together this liveblog to help you find reliable information about the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) outbreak and to share meetings industry-related resources with the global ICCA community of meeting suppliers and associations.

What is the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)?

Check out the WHO’s recommendations for the public for basic protective measures to reduce exposure and myth busters.
Regularly check the latest official information

In general, it is good practice in situations like these to stay calm, communicate responsibly and follow official health and travel advice. Download our whitepaper Crisis Management for Meetings for tips how to deal with crisis situations.

We suggest to regularly check the latest official information on the virus of global health organisations:

- World Health Organization
- European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Please regularly check your National Travel Advisory Boards official foreign travel advice.

Response of the meetings industry

ICCA and JMIC, representing the combined interests of 19 international Meetings Industry associations, call upon all industry members to actively support measures that help restore and build confidence in event participation, including:

- Ensuring that all policies and procedures within the industry’s spheres of influence that help secure the health and safety of event participants are in place and up to date
- Maintaining detailed awareness of both local and global actions and restrictions in order to be able to advise on factors that may affect upcoming events
- Cooperating with local / national authorities to implement any measures that have been determined to potentially impact event attendees
- Consulting with event organizers and related service providers to explore ways in which any program adjustments that need to be made in response to outbreak-related impacts can be accommodated
- Continuing to support awareness of the essential roles of meetings, conventions, exhibitions and business events as drivers of recovery and advancement of global economic and societal development

News from Wuhan

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Association’s statements related to their upcoming meetings

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