

Good Afternoon:

With the recent events of COVID-19, and the realization that NY is leading in the number of cases, the HPCANYS Board of Trustees Executive Committee, with Staff recommendations, have made the decision to postpone the April 29 – 30 2020 Conference to November 16 and 17, 2020 – still at the Albany Marriott.

All sources continue to state that most of us are low risk from the virus; those with underlying medical illnesses and over age 60 are considered At Risk. HPCANYS is hearing from members about the additional time and attention required by the emergency preparedness activities and responses to COVID-19. Of particular concern is current or future staffing challenges that you will have, should your staff be quarantined, their children's schools closed, and/or your staff contract the virus, forcing quarantine of other staff as a result. Many hospices are screening patients and families for the symptoms or travel history, and are moving from In-person team meetings to dial in/remote meetings, - all appropriate in high risk areas of the state.

For those who are currently registered, HPCANYS will forward those registrations and hotel reservations to the November dates and will extend early bird registrations to September 15, 2020. HPCANYS will keep standard registration open until November 6, 2020.

A few of the conference topics are urgent/ time sensitive and should not wait until November, such as , the “*Working with Adult Care Facilities*” and the “*Medicare Addendums*”. We are working with the faculty and expect to post a Webinar Series in May. We will keep you abreast of those actual dates when confirmed. You will be able to purchase the series under (1) registration and allow your team to listen in on the webinar!

We apologize for the inconvenience and hope you understand that HPCANYS is making this decision out of caution and being proactive to your potential staffing challenges. We appreciate your support for our educational program and look forward to seeing you and celebrating 40 years of HPCANYS in November!

Any questions, please do not hesitate to give us a call: 518.446.1483 or email.

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