



Update on ILEAS Annual Conference 2020

To Attendees, Staff and Vendors:

A lot has changed since our last message earlier in the week. As you are fully aware, professional, college and secondary sports are being cancelled, the virus is spreading and Emergency Declarations are in full effect. Sangamon County Department of Public Health has ordered any indoor event of more than 250 people be cancelled or postponed. This recommendation is based on CDC recommendations. Governor Pritzker is also strongly encouraging any indoor event of more than 250 people be cancelled or postponed.

Given these recommendations and mandates, ILEAS is postponing the 17th Annual Conference until further notice. While we are disappointed that our great training and networking opportunity will not happen, we have to be concerned about the health of our attendees and vendors. We have already had several attendees and vendors cancel. The Crowne Plaza was gracious enough to waive fees and work with us on a future date to reschedule. However, as of today we will not be hosting the Conference scheduled for March 29-31, 2020.

Additionally, we had the Crowne Plaza cancel all room reservations at the Crowne and the Holiday Inn Express. We also cancelled ILEAS-related reservations at Comfort Suites. This may take a couple of days to get squared away. If you want make sure your room was cancelled, reach out to the Crowne next week. IF YOU MADE YOUR RESERVATION THROUGH A THIRD PARTY LIKE EXPEDIA, YOU WILL HAVE TO CANCEL THAT YOURSELF.

We will start work on refunding your registration fees early next week. Our Finance staff will be reaching out to everyone on those specifics.

Vendors – Our staff will reach out to you directly next week to discuss our next moves. If you made room reservations on your own please cancel them yourself.

Everybody stay safe!

If you have any questions, please let us know.