For the week of February 24
MPIF will be monitoring and providing weekly updates.

WorldPM2020 - Addressing concerns about COVID-19

Facts about COVID-19 in Montréal

- There have been no confirmed cases of the virus in Montréal, or the province of Quebec
- The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) has assessed the public health risk associated with COVID-19 and determined it to be extremely low for Canada.
- The PHAC is currently implementing several measures at the three Canadian airports with flights from China – Toronto, Montréal, and Vancouver. Travelers going through these airports will see signage in French, English and Simplified Chinese, asking them to alert a border service officer should they have any flu-like symptoms
- At the Montréal-Trudeau International Airport, the PHAC has added an additional health screening question to the electronic border kiosks in the customs hall and the PHAC also has screening officers on-site
- The PHAC has set up an information kiosk at international arrivals to provide information to passengers and employees
- To support efforts to contain the virus, Air Canada has extended the suspension of its flights between Canada and Beijing and Shanghai until March 27, 2020
- Canadian government agencies and health authorities are following the situation closely and will adopt all WHO recommendations for preventive measures as circumstances evolve
- Montréal remains a safe and secure destination for all business and leisure travel

MPIF is implementing the below steps to ensure a safe and healthy event.

The safety and health of our attendees, exhibitors, students and guests that attend the WorldPM2020 conference is and will remain our top priority.

- MPIF is keeping a close pulse on the CDC and WHO recommendations and updates as circumstances evolve
- MPIF is planning preventive measures at the conference:
  - Hand sanitizer stations around the event venue, for your convenience
  - We will adopt a No Handshake Policy to reduce the spreading of germs
  - MPIF staff and convention center personnel will increase cleaning and disinfection practices across all high-volume touchpoints (catering areas, headtable/podiums, Conference Registration Center, handrails, entrance/exit doors, among others)
  - Other practices will be put into place as we continue to monitor the situation
- In conjunction with the CDC, MPIF recommends that delegates follow everyday prevention practices:
  - Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after using the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing
  - If soap and water are not readily available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty
  - If at anytime during the conference you should show any symptoms of illness, please contact an emergency medical professional.
  - Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth
  - Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash
  - Cleanse and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- MPIF will continue to keep delegates up-to-date on details

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