For the week of March 16
MPIF will be monitoring and providing weekly updates.

WorldPM2020 - Addressing concerns about COVID-19

CURRENT INCIDENCE STATISTICS

Worldwide: 167,515
China: 81,077 cases; 3,218 deaths
Outside China: 86,438 cases; 3,388 deaths, 150 countries
  • United States: 1,678 cases
  • Canada: 304 cases
  • Mexico: 53 cases


Facts about COVID-19 in Montréal

✓ There have been 424 confirmed cases of the virus in Canada, with only 50 being in the province of Quebec
✓ The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) continues assessed the public health risk associated with COVID-19. The Government of Canada advises to avoid all non-essential travel in/out of Canada until further notice.
✓ Starting on Wednesday, March 18, all international travelers will be restricted from entering Canada, with the exception of Americans, diplomats and flight crews. This will allow the country to self-isolate over the next 14 days.
✓ The PHAC is currently implementing several measures at the ten Canadian airports that will monitor the well-being of travelers arriving in Canada. 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
✓ Canadian government agencies and health authorities are following the situation closely and will adopt all WHO recommendations for preventive measures as circumstances evolve

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, WHO and PHAC recommendations and updates as circumstances evolve
• MPIF is planning preventive measures at the conference:
  o Hand sanitizer stations around the event venue, for your convenience
  o 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 any time 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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