Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update for 2020 RSS Scientific Meeting Attendees

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Members, Sponsors and Attendees of the Radiosurgery Society® (RSS) community who are part of the 2020 Radiosurgery Society Scientific Meeting:

We are looking forward to seeing our 2020 Meeting Attendees in Washington DC in April. The RSS is actively monitoring the latest information on the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, including reports and travel advisories from the World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and other global public health authorities.

At this time, we are continuing to plan for a great conference for everyone who attends the 2020 RSS Scientific Meeting in Washington DC. While we are not in a position to recommend a specific course of action for travel, we recommend monitoring your government’s travel advisories and restrictions to understand any changes that may arise as a result of your country’s response to the coronavirus outbreak. We are sensitive to everyone’s concerns and will be doing everything we can to help those who attend the 2020 RSS Scientific Meeting feel welcome and comfortable and have a positive learning experience.

The 2020 RSS Scientific Meeting is taking place at the Grand Hyatt in Washington DC, and the team at the Grand Hyatt is adhering to recommendations provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Emerging Pathogen Policy regarding the use of cleaning disinfectants effective against the coronavirus.

In addition to suggesting recommendations like frequent hand washing and other travel advice from the CDC, The Grand Hyatt will be putting in place additional measures during the meeting, such as:

- Providing additional hand sanitizer dispensers at the front desk/bell desk areas and public areas (restrooms, etc.) are being cleaned thoroughly due to the heavy traffic of the hotel.
- Disinfecting of registration kiosks and counters continuously throughout the days of the RSS conference.
- Disinfectant wipes or liquid hand sanitizer will be available in main areas of the conference.
- Disinfectant wipes will be available for speakers to wipe down equipment they used.
- The hotel has a food safety management system based on HACCP principles.
- The hotel conducts regular hygiene inspections.

Also, the RSS will work closely with conference speakers to recommend against engaging in activities that involve physical contact—such as shaking hands—out of an abundance of caution and to respect individuals’ personal preferences. We are also pursuing individual/boxed meals during the meeting to alleviate attendees
concerns. The RSS staff will be available during the conference to help answer questions and assist with any needs that may arise.

If you are not able to travel to the 2020 RSS Scientific Meeting due to travel restrictions by your organization or home country, please reach out to RSS via email at admin@therss.org to let us know.

We will continue to monitor the latest information available from global public health authorities and will provide updates when possible through the RSS conference website: https://www.rssevents.org/