NHPCO Leadership and Advocacy Conference FAQs

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Why won’t NHPCO host the 2020 Leadership and Advocacy Conference?
The health and safety of our conference attendees and the patients and families they serve, as well as our faculty, exhibitors, and staff are of the utmost importance. Hospice and palliative care professionals are essential providers of community-based care, most often in the home. Given the danger of possible exposure to those who are on the front lines of care provision, NHPCO decided that it is best to not host the in-person LAC and accompanying events.

Our decision was based on updates from the Centers for Disease Control, the Department of Health and Human Services, the World Health Organization, information from local governments and public health offices, as well as our membership. In fact, non-essential travel has already been eliminated by many organizations sending attendees.

Will the 2020 Leadership and Advocacy Conference be rescheduled to later this year?
Due to the complexity of the programming and securing appropriate venues, rescheduling is not an option. A leadership track will be added to the 2020 Interdisciplinary Conference (October 10 – 14 in Little Rock, AR) that will include some of the LAC20 content.

Is NHPCO presenting other programming to address COVID-19?
Yes, in order to support our membership, and those who were planning to join us at LAC20, NHPCO is offering a complimentary webinar on March 25 to address the current public health crisis presented by COVID-19. The webinar will include emergency preparedness information, a review of the latest CDC recommendations and a conversation with your colleagues in the field with moderate to severe caseloads. Those registered for the LAC20, will receive more information on this COVID-19 Executive Dialogue with specific times and access information. NHPCO will reach out to members who are not registered for LAC20 to share information about this important offering.

What about the registration fee?
Your LAC20 registration fee will be applied as a credit towards the 2020 Interdisciplinary Conference (October 10-14) or next year’s Leadership and Advocacy Conference (March 20 – 24, 2021). We can help arrange this or address other needs you might have, just contact us at LAC20@nhpco.org.

What about other events associated with the conference?
All events, including preconference seminars, committee meetings, and special events will not be held at this time. NHPCO staff will reach out to board and committee members regarding the meetings scheduled for March.
Will there be an advocacy event?
Yes, NHPCO and Hospice Action Network will host a Virtual Advocacy Day, with training sessions available remotely on Monday, March 23 and our Legislative Action Center open for business the entire week of March 23-27 with scripts for phone calls, email messages, letters to the editor, and social media posts. This Virtual Advocacy Day will be open to all NHPCO members, so please plan on having your whole team participate. We will be updating the Hospice Action Network website with details on participating in Virtual Advocacy Day as we finalize our plans.

Will the NHF Gala be rescheduled?
Yes, we anticipate rescheduling the National Hospice Foundation Gala for later in the year. More details will be available soon. Should you have questions for our Foundation team, please reach out to info@nationalhospicefoundation.org. Also, look for info on our upcoming online fundraising auction!

What if I purchased booth space?
With questions our exhibitors might have, we ask that you reach out to our team at exhibit@nhpco.org.

What about my hotel and travel arrangements?
Registrants should check their hotel and airline cancellation policies and plan to change or cancel their flights, hotel reservations, and all other travel accommodations as appropriate. Policies vary from airline to airline and hotel to hotel, so please contact them as soon as possible.

How will I be able to earn CE or CME?
Please remember E-Online or NHPCO webinars as options for earning credit.

Where should faculty questions be directed?
If members of the LAC20 faculty have questions, please reach out to the education team at education@nhpco.org.

Questions on Coronavirus (COVID-19)?
NHPCO has created a webpage offering links to important information, please visit www.nhpco.org/coronavirus. As available information on this public health crisis continues to be released, NHPCO will keep this page updated and will release Policy Alerts as news unfolds. NHPCO members may also direct questions to COVID19@nhpco.org.

NHPCO recognizes the critically important work that is required of you within the communities you serve. Your responsibilities will likely increase in complexity as the ongoing effects of this public health crisis unfold. We encourage you to collaborate with others in your community to share information and services to those in need. Please know that all of us at NHPCO are working to support our members and the provider community. Thank you!