

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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Domestic Events, Gatherings and Conference Planning

HEALTH AND SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

- Liaison with local and national public health authorities
- Increased disinfection of conference premises
- Offer participants sanitizing wipes and hand sanitation stations
- Install hand-sanitizing stations around venue
- Have medical staff at conference
- No hand-shake policy
- Encourage increased hand washing
- Contingency plan for testing, diagnostic arrangements on site and treatment facilities

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Cancellation policy and penalties — be clear with participants
- What costs are not yet committed to that could be refunded?
- What is the process to determine whether to cancel?
- What if a decision needs to be made at the last minute? Who is the final decision maker?
- Is it possible to loosen cancellation policies to lessen financial burden on participants?

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International Travel and Missions

HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS

- Access to medical experts / English speaking physicians while abroad
- Pre-existing conditions and age of travelers
- Create a plan: What to do if a participant or staff member goes into quarantine or falls ill? Who covers the cost?
- What is the contingency plan should a travel restriction be issued while abroad

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Review insurance policy coverage
- Cancellation deadlines and fees — be clear with participants about deadlines and work with your tour operator to reduce penalties
- Is postponement an option? This may allow Federations to rollover deposits already paid to a later date or future mission and potentially limit financial exposure

DESTINATION / ITINERARY CONSIDERATIONS

- Does the itinerary include visits with vulnerable populations? (i.e. home visits, schools, etc.)
- Are Federations traveling outside of Israel relying on Israeli staff joining them? If so, they need to check for updates

TRAVEL / EVENT CONSIDERATIONS

- Consider suggesting that participants review their recent passport stamps against entry restrictions of mission destination countries, collected by the [International Air Transport Association](#)
- Create a plan for potential border closures while participants are abroad, as virus spreads, or if participants are unable to re-enter the United States without quarantine; create a plan
- Participant travel through multiple international airports
- Create a contingency plan in the event of quarantine
- Ask participants to double check their passports for previous participant travel to “hotspots”
- Check the [CDC website](#) for updates on specific destinations, destination specific advisories and information