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President's Message

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The American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) is carefully monitoring the recent outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) and the potential impact it may have on its members within the United States and beyond. As a result, the AAP has developed a [page on perio.org](#) with resources and other current information to help members stay healthy and utilize effective infection control procedures in their practices. The AAP will continue to look to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) and provide necessary updates via email and [perio.org](#) as needed. Assuring the safety and well-being of its members and the patients they serve is of paramount importance to your Academy.



The AAP's [2020 Annual Meeting](#) in Honolulu is still scheduled as planned. AAP staff maintains regular contact with contacts in Hawaii regarding all public health issues including COVID-19 to ensure that attendees have a safe and enjoyable Annual Meeting experience. For more information about the current situation in Hawaii, visit the [Hawaii Tourism Authority website](#).

Members are encouraged to take advantage of [2020 Annual Meeting early-bird registration rates](#) which are valid through March 20. In the event a registered attendee wishes to cancel for any reason, the AAP will offer registration refunds in accordance with the cancellation policy through Sept. 25. Please direct questions about the Annual Meeting to [meetingsinfo@perio.org](#).

While the risk of contracting COVID-19 in the U.S. remains low, AAP leadership and staff are monitoring the situation closely and will follow the advice of the CDC, the World Health Organization, as well as the local health authorities in Hawaii. The COVID-19 issue is rapidly evolving, and the AAP will provide necessary updates as they become available. The AAP remains committed to mitigating any risk that may adversely affect the membership, its practices, and its patients.

Be Well,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bryan J. Frantz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right from the end of the name.

Bryan J. Frantz, DMD

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