

2020 MPWWA Annual Seminar, Halifax NS

COVID19 mitigation measures

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This is a note to let all members know that we are aware of concerns about the COVID19 coronavirus that we are being warned about daily. As we are all involved in the water and wastewater industry, in one form or another, we are all aware of procedures to be followed to prevent transmission of pathogens. Many of us follow Standard Operating Procedures or Best Practices as laid out by the industry. The MPWWA is closely monitoring everything that is being put forward about the virus and measures that can be taken to reduce the risk.

We have asked the Marriot Harbourfront to implement some measures as well during the Conference, which include:

- 1. Have sanitizer stations available throughout the conference*
- 2. For buffet meals, have staff serve from table instead of delegates serving themselves, will eliminate each person handling serving utensils.*
- 3. Serving staff should wear protective gloves during meals service*
- 4. A/V supplier has been asked to replace microphone covers between use by presenters*
- 5. A/V supplier to wipe down supplied laptops after each session.*

These measures as well as the normal day to day sanitary practices of washing hands properly and regularly, which is the best defense, will help to reduce the ability of any viruses from spreading. **Remember measures to mitigate COVID19 are no different than measures we take to reduce the spread of influenza viruses, that are around us every year, just requires a bit more diligence.** If anyone feels uncomfortable with shaking hands during this conference, you may consider going for a “fist bump” or similar. We will be posting reminders during the Conference to remind everyone of this.

Hoping to see many of you in Halifax In April. We will keep members updated through emails, postings on website and MPWWA APP as developments occur. Any questions or concerns please contact us.

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