

March 19, 2020

NCENA Members:

On behalf of NCENA and its Board of Directors, I first wanted to thank all of you, as emergency nurses, for your continued efforts to curtail the COVID19 pandemic. Most of you continue to serve in your emergency departments across the state providing vital emergency care critical to combatting this pandemic. Accordingly, our primary goal as NCENA is to both support you, but without hindering your efforts.

Accordingly, we have implemented the following measures in accordance with current CDC, federal, state and local recommendations and laws:

1. All NCENA in-person meetings, to include chapter and committee meetings, will be either cancelled or moved to a teleconference/video-teleconference format to minimize exposure risk to our members. This is effective immediately and through April 2020. We will update the membership again in April for meetings in May and June.
2. All state/chapter educational offerings are cancelled through April 2020 and may be rescheduled for a future date to be announced. We will update the membership again in April for educational offerings in May and June.
3. Specifically, the following events have been cancelled:
 - ENA Day on the Hill (April 28-29, 2020)
 - ENA Goes Golden Luncheon (May 7, 2020)

ENA as a whole is already looking into the feasibility of enabling video-teleconferencing for its TNCC and ENPC course offerings. These changes are being explored to balance both appropriate social distancing while maintaining the integrity of the courses. Your Course Directors are receiving information directly on these initiatives and will make the changes to their offerings as appropriate.

Concerning our Government Affairs mission specifically, the NCENA Board of Directors is preparing a statement for both the federal and state legislature with regards to our position on appropriate interventions that foster safe practice, safe care for all of our emergency nurses. Individual members are encouraged to contact their representatives and individual constituents and emergency nurses as well.

Your NCENA Board of Directors will continue to monitor the COVID19 pandemic as it continues to evolve and remains committed serving our members and fellow emergency nurses throughout the state. If you have specific concerns you would like the Board of Directors to address, please reach out to me directly and we will be happy to discuss them further.

Thank you all for your continued membership with ENA and please stay safe as you continue to serve our communities as emergency nurses!

On behalf of your entire NCENA Board of Directors,



David McDonald
NCENA President