## **Press Release**



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## All AASP-MN Meetings & Events Canceled Until Further Notice

With the number of Coronavirus (COVID-19) cases escalating locally and across the U.S., the Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of Minnesota (AASP-MN) announced that all currently scheduled meetings and events will be canceled until further notice.

The AASP-MN staff is set up to work virtually, so association business will continue as usual and will not be affected by social distancing. The association will continue to serve its members and conduct business on a remote basis at least through the end of March. Regular office hours are 8 am to 4:30 pm, Monday – Friday.

AASP-MN is also taking measures to ensure that the health of its members is not compromised. Therefore, all scheduled committee meetings and events, including the Annual Meeting & Leadership Conference on April 23 are canceled until further notice. "We cannot in good conscience proceed with a large gathering that could potentially put our members at risk of exposure," said Judell Anderson, Executive Director of AASP-MN.

"Any registration fees that been received will be applied to the rescheduled event and hotel rooms can be canceled without penalty. Hopefully, this crisis will be behind us quickly and we can resume normal operations and reschedule all events."

For reliable information and updates about the virus and best practices to follow, AASP-MN partner, Complete Health Environmental & Safety Services (CHESS), has put together a bulletin that includes links to OSHA resources and other useful information. The bulletin can be found at:

https://aaspm.memberclicks.net/assets/documents/Planning%20for%20Coronavirus.pdf. CHESS also developed information specific to those working on vehicles, which can be found at: <a href="https://aaspm.memberclicks.net/assets/documents/Cars%20and%20COVID19.pdf">https://aaspm.memberclicks.net/assets/documents/Cars%20and%20COVID19.pdf</a>.

As the situation is constantly changing, AASP-MN appreciates the patience and understanding of the members and industry that it serves. AASP-MN is here to help and can be reached at 612-623-1110 or <a href="mailto:aasp@aaspmn.org">aasp@aaspmn.org</a>.

AASP-MN is an association of independently-owned automotive service businesses and industry suppliers dedicated to improving Minnesota's automotive service industry and the success of its nearly 750 members. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.aaspmn.org">www.aaspmn.org</a>.

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