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The International Service Office of SAA (ISO) office has been receiving calls regarding how the COVID-19 (coronavirus) may be effecting our office, group meetings and ISO planned events.

At this time we understand that most meetings have gone to electronic means of gathering. It has been decided to postpone the ISO Convention in May for one year. There are no specific plans about the ISO Conference in October. The ISO is closely monitoring the relevant health advisories regarding COVID-19.

Groups and members are understandably concerned about health and safety issues and are looking for guidance on how to address these issues. The ISO is a focal point for the SAA fellowship and we are here to provide what service we can.

Some members have given us suggestions of how groups may address precautions. Remember our common welfare and primary purpose should be our main focus. It is best to talk about these issues at the group level and come to a group conscious of what precautions they may take.

Regardless of group decisions, each individual is responsible for their own health decisions. Some groups have considered contingency plans in case the group is temporarily unable to meet face-to-face. Plans have included creating contact lists and keeping in touch by phone, email, or social media; meeting by phone or online.

We do want to remind our fellowship that we have 140 telemeetings each week. Telemeetings are easy to find on the saa-recovery.org site. Just click on Find A Meeting (on a phone then click on ) and then click on the Telemeeting green box above the meeting list. Then only telemeetings will then be shown in chronological order.

Another way to see the Telemeeting Intergroup meetings is to go to saatalk.info or you can visit https://saa-recovery.org/meetings/telemeetings/.

If a group decides to not hold its regular meeting, they may want to communicate that to the ISO office and/or their local intergroup.

We hope this brief sharing is helpful.