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## **Spring 2020 Institute and 2020 Interprofessional Leadership Development Program Postponed Due to COVID-19**

To the IPEC Community,

It is with much regret that we announce that the May 19-21, 2020 IPEC Faculty Development Institute in Washington, D.C. and June 16-18, 2020 Interprofessional Leadership Development Program in Atlanta, GA have been postponed due to the spread and uncertainty of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

As we monitor the unfolding outbreak, our thoughts are with those impacted globally and in the U.S., as well as in our local communities. While this decision has been extremely difficult to make, the safety of our members, guests and staff, as well as their families, students and patients, is always our top priority; and nothing will take precedent over their well-being. **We have therefore decided to postpone IPEC's upcoming meetings until later this year.** While we did not make this decision lightly, we are confident that it is the only proper course of action.

IPEC is developing plans to reschedule and host both meetings in Fall 2020. We would like to emphasize that this is only a postponement. We remain committed to holding these programs in 2020 in some form, whether in-person or virtually online, and we want you to be a part of it.

Additional information will be announced as it becomes available. We appreciate your kind patience and understanding as we are considering the rapidly changing circumstances.

IPEC will contact each registrant over the next few days. We will send you an email with your confirmation information that you can either use to request a refund or apply to a future IPEC conference. Please watch for further communications from [smckearney@aacnnursing.org](mailto:smckearney@aacnnursing.org).

These are indeed challenging and unprecedented times and, on a personal note, I would like to extend my thanks for your understanding and support of this decision.

Thank you as well for your commitment to IPECP and your support for our mission.

I wish all of you good health. Health and safety are our highest priorities.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah E. Trautman".

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