Dear ASM Chapter Leaders,

As you should already know, we are in a global pandemic as issued by the World Health Organization due to the Coronavirus aka Covid-19. Based on reports from the CDC, WHO, and local governments, we suggest that all chapters suspend or virtually host any planned activities scheduled over the next eight weeks. ASM International has purchased Zoom and will be making this available to any Chapter who wishes to use this tool to conduct their scheduled meetings virtually.

This virus is nothing like we’ve seen before, and we want to do our part to ensure the overall safety of our members and the general public. As unfortunate as this may be, this is the best course of action right now.

As a reminder, here are a few measures listed on the CDC website for how best to protect you, your family, and the general public over the next coming weeks:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after you have been in a public place or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Stay home when you are sick
- Call your health care provider’s office in advance of a visit
- Limit movement in the community
- Limit visitors
- Provide face masks to those who are sick with the virus to help prevent further spread
- Clean frequently touched surfaces with disinfectant often.
- Do not wear face masks if you are not sick, unless you’re caring for someone who is sick, and they are unable to wear a face mask.

If you’d like more information on this virus, please visit the websites below:


Please share this information with your chapter members as soon as possible. Also, remember ASM Connect is a great way to stay in-touch with the materials community until it is safe to resume regular meetings.