



COVID-19 and Congress 2020

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The Federation has been working closely with Western University, associations and partners this past week to determine the most viable contingency solutions for hosting Congress 2020 in the midst of COVID-19.

With many universities moving their classes online, as well as further travel restrictions and provincial governments calling for cancellations of large events, all signs indicate that a traditional, in-person Congress, is becoming less and less likely.

Our focus now is on finding alternate ways for associations to meet and present their research, while protecting public health, and the health of Congress participants.

In consultation with many different stakeholders and providers, we are looking at all possible scenarios, including that of hosting Congress virtually. While we assess the technological framework, and human and financial requirements for each of these contingency plans, we understand that associations and partners are looking for clarity.

Next week, we will be making an announcement, and communicate our proposed plan with associations. Until then, we thank you for your collaboration, your patience, and for your willingness to work through this challenge with us.

Please visit congress2020.ca/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-and-congress-2020 for all the latest updates.