



Star of the North Meeting – COVID-19 Update

After much consideration and discussion, the Minnesota Dental Association has decided to re-schedule the 137th Star of the North Meeting that was to be held April 23-25 in Saint Paul, Minnesota. The current COVID-19 situation has placed restrictions on large gatherings and affected the ability of our speakers, attendees and exhibitors to travel which has a direct impact on our educational sessions and tradeshow. Local government officials and health officials are all recommending the suspension of large conferences during this unprecedented time.

Our team, like many of you, has been eagerly anticipating and preparing for this year's Star of the North Meeting. But the ongoing health crisis has been a serious concern for us all, and its implications have substantially affected the logistics of the meeting. We have decided that our best option is to re-schedule the conference for later this summer. We are currently working with our critical partners (convention center, hotels, registration, audio/visual) as well as our speakers to reschedule the conference for **July 30 – August 1**. This will be a considerable undertaking and the final product may look a little different than our original April conference. We ask for your patience as we transition all the "moving parts" of such a large event. These are the details we know now:

Registration/Continuing Education Events

All existing registration and CE events will transfer over to the July dates. We will be working to confirm each speaker and make adjustments, if needed. If you know you are unable to attend in July, you may cancel your registration without penalty. To do so, please email mda@prereg.net and provide your name, badge # and reason (COVID-19).

There is a possibility that some speakers may not be available or may be shifted to a different day. If this impacts you, we will gladly refund you for any canceled courses or move you into an alternate course. ***Please give us some time to confirm and adjust the CE schedule before you call/email with questions.*** We want to be able to provide you with the most accurate and up-to-date information. If you have questions, please contact Eleventh & Gather at **866-301-0750** or email them at mda@prereg.net.

Hotel Reservations

As the event is being rescheduled, all existing hotel reservations will transfer over to the July dates. If you are unable to attend in July, you may cancel your reservation without penalty. Once the final details of the rescheduled conference are available, if you need to alter your reservation, you may do so. If you have questions about your hotel reservation, please call Eleventh & Gather at **866-301-0750** or email them at mda@prereg.net.

Exhibitors

All existing booth payments/contracts will be transferred to the July dates. If you (or your company) are unable to attend in July, you may transfer your booth payment to the 2021 meeting or receive a full refund. If you have questions, please contact Vicki Capistrant at vcap@mndental.org.