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A message from NWPPA Executive Director, Scott Corwin:

COVID-19 Update and Statement

NWPPA's primary consideration will always be the safety of our members and staff; we are closely monitoring the status of public health concerns and taking our lead from the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** and the **World Health Organization**, as well as local, state, and regional governments.

We are evaluating our upcoming events on a case-by-case basis; if the status of an event changes, we will promptly provide any updates to registrants. Unless otherwise noted, NWPPA events will occur as scheduled. For certain events, virtual options may be available.

For registered attendees needing to cancel because of a travel restriction or health concern, we will make every effort to reschedule them into a later class or event. If rescheduling is not possible, we will provide a full refund of fees.

Taking precautions

As the impact of the coronavirus evolves, NWPPA will continue to share information and updates as well as how it impacts the public power community. In the immediate term, NWPPA is encouraging attendees, as well as staff, to practice the recommended health habits:

- If you are feeling feverish or coughing prior to arriving at an event, please stay home.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then immediately throw the tissue in the trash.
- Maintain social distancing by keeping at least three feet of distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.
- Disinfect personal items such as laptops and cellphones that you use often.
- Event attendees may also want to consider the adoption of practices such as a no-handshake policy or reducing physical business card exchanges.
- Most of all, if you start feeling feverish or coughing during an event, please stay in your room and notify nwppa@nwppa.org so that we are aware of your condition.

If you have any questions or would like to share what your own utility is doing to manage the situation, please contact us at nwppa@nwppa.org. Thank you very much for your involvement with and support of NWPPA!