



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS IN-PERSON LOCAL SECTION ACTIVITY(IES)

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In-Person Local Section Activity(ies):

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The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is known to be extremely contagious and transmittable mainly through close contact from person-to-person via respiratory droplets produced by infected persons when they cough, sneeze or talk. For your protection, federal, state, and local governments and health agencies, especially the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, have strongly advocated and recommended that individuals:

1. wear masks in public settings (“Wear”),
2. distance themselves in both indoor and outdoor spaces (staying at least 6 ft. or about 2 arms’ lengths apart) from other people who are not from their household (“Watch”), and
3. wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or, if soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, especially after they’ve been in a public place, or after blowing their nose, coughing, or sneezing (“Wash”).

ACS is adopting these precautions to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 at this event(s) and further strongly advocates that you protect yourself by:

1. maintaining social distancing whether indoor or outdoor, staying at least 6 feet or about 2 arms’ lengths apart, from all others outside their household (“Watch”),
2. requiring that all attendees wear masks in indoor settings and outdoors when social distancing cannot be assured (“Wear”), and
3. washing your hands and frequently touched surfaces (“Wash”).

Masks protect other people in the event that the wearer is infected. Masks are not personal protective equipment intended to protect the wearer. Exit the event(s) if social distancing and mask wearing are not practiced. Hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or, if soap and water are not readily available, use of a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol should be encouraged for all, especially after being in a public place, after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. Do not attend this event(s) if you do not feel these precautions have been taken, are sufficient or you otherwise feel unsafe.

Safety for all involved in the chemical enterprise is a core value for ACS. The ACS is committed to developing safety information solutions, supporting safety education, empowering members with safety solutions, and communicating chemical safety as a core value. You can find more information about safety, especially during demonstrations and experiments, at ACS’s Chemical & Laboratory Safety webpage (www.acs.org/safety).

