

# STEP Canada 2020/Coronavirus Update – March 11, 2020

The health, safety and wellbeing of our volunteers, members, event delegates, sponsors, employees and their families is of utmost concern to STEP Canada.

STEP Canada has been closely monitoring and will continue to monitor COVID-19 announcements and updates from the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC). The PHAC is a reliable source of information, as are provincial and territorial public health authorities.

https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/latesttravel-health-advice.html

STEP Canada will take its guidance from the PHAC and other key agencies regarding STEP Canada events and gatherings taking place over the coming weeks, including the national conference. At this time, PHAC has assessed the public health risk associated with COVID-19 as **low** for the general population.

### 22<sup>nd</sup> National Conference

As of today, we are working towards the 22<sup>nd</sup> national conference taking place on the originally scheduled dates of June 11-12, 2020, in Toronto.

## **Branch and Chapter Events**

Local branch and chapters events will be reviewed on an individual basis after consultation among STEP Canada executives, senior management and local executive committees.

## **Ongoing Assessment**

We will continue to monitor the situation, which is rapidly evolving, and assess our plans accordingly. We will provide regular updates to our stakeholders. Once again, the health, safety and wellbeing of our volunteers, members, event delegates, sponsors, employees and their families is and will remain our top priority.

We are very hopeful you all remain well and that we can look forward to seeing you at upcoming events, including the national conference in June.

## **STEP Canada**