

Dear MSHA Member/Conference Attendee,

The Michigan Speech-Language-Hearing Association (MSHA) would like to apologize for postponing the 2020 Annual MSHA Conference that was set to take place March 19-21. The Executive Board made the difficult decision to postpone the conference on Wednesday, March 11 after Governor Whitmer announced the first 2 cases of COVID-19 late Tuesday evening.

Although the Executive Board had worked closely with the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS), Wayne County Health Department, and the MotorCity Hotel & Conference Center, it was important to us that we protect the health and safety of Michigan's speech-language pathologists and audiologists. Following our decision, Governor Whitmer announced the cessation of all events with more than 250 people on Friday, March 13, and subsequently announced the temporarily closure of all theaters, bars, casinos, and restaurants throughout the state of Michigan, both of which would have cancelled our conference.

On behalf of the MSHA Executive Board, I am pleased to announce that **the 2020 Annual MSHA Conference will take place at the MotorCity Hotel & Conference Center July 30-August 1, 2020.** The MSHA Executive Board has worked tirelessly to bring this all together so we can host the Annual MSHA Conference. We would like to thank

you, along with our presenters and exhibitors for supporting us during this abrupt change. Many of our speakers have confirmed their availability, however, it is important to note that the times of their presentations might have changed.

Again, the MSHA Executive Board would like to thank you for your patience and support during this difficult time. We look forward to welcoming you at the 2020 Annual Conference in Detroit this July! Please check our website regularly for updates.

Sincerely,

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