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Community Update Regarding COVID-19

Dear Friends of HDSA,

In light of COVID-19 (coronavirus) and the ever-changing public health developments, we wanted to let you know that the Huntington's Disease Society of America holds the well-being of our families, volunteers and staff as our top priority.

To this end, we are postponing ALL local HDSA events (educational & fundraising) nationwide from today until April 30, 2020. This measure is based on an abundance of caution and the encouragement of health authorities to curtail public gatherings in order to slow the spread of the virus.

At this time, we do not know what May and June will hold, so those events are currently proceeding as planned. This includes the 35th Annual HDSA Convention in New Orleans scheduled for June 4th-6th. We will continue to follow the guidance of our friends at the Centers of Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO) and our state and local health departments throughout this situation, and we will keep you apprised of any changes.

Importantly, be advised that HDSA's National Office in New York City is now closed and all of HDSA's staff are working remotely for the foreseeable future. Rest assured, the HDSA team has the resources they need to continue the uninterrupted support of our mission during this time. We are fully operational and committed to offering the necessary resources for families affected by Huntington's disease.

HDSA will remain active in our external communications via social media and at HDSA.org. The HDSA Helpline (800-345-HDSA) and HD TrialFinder Call Center will remain active during regularly scheduled hours. It is also important to note that the U.S. Social Security Administration has not made any announcements or changes in services due to COVID-19.

If you have additional questions or concerns related to HDSA's work during this public health crisis, please contact your HDSA team member or write to us at info@hdsa.org. Thank you all for hard work and concern during this difficult time.

Please take care of one another, and be safe.

Sincerely,

Louise Vetter
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Huntington's Disease Society of America