

COVID-19 Attendee Information

Updated March 5, 2020. Regarding the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak: COABE is working closely on a daily basis with local, state, and federal agencies to plan for a safe event. As a result of this dialogue and the recommendations of CDC, we are proceeding with the 2020 event with the health and safety of our attendees, staff, and volunteers as our top priority. For more information visit the CDC site [here](#).

COABE FAQ

1. Businesses Continue to Operate, and So Does COABE

We are following the recommendations of scientific and health agencies when making determinations regarding operations and precautions around the COABE 2020 conference. Safety is a top priority, and we continue to work with them on a daily basis. Restaurants, bars, clubs, theatres, stadiums, and other businesses that people patronize are still open and people continue to attend. Travelers from the U.S. and around the world continue to travel to Baltimore daily.

At the World Health Organization press conference, Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus stated, “Our greatest enemy right now is not the virus itself. It’s fear, rumours and stigma. And our greatest assets are facts, reason and solidarity.”

2. What are the Current Preparedness Plans?

Safety is a top priority for COABE. Currently, we are taking the following actions on-site: provision of disinfectant wipes and stations, hand sanitizer for common area spaces and activity spaces, microphone wipe downs, outreach to all meeting spaces, venues, and hotels.

3. How Will Preparedness Plans Impact COABE Participants?

COABE encourages the implementation of personal hygiene practices, including washing your hands for 20 seconds and using alcohol based hand sanitizer, when coughing and sneezing, cover mouth and nose with flexed elbow or tissue – discard tissue immediately into a closed bin; avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands; and stay home or in your hotel if you have a fever to help maintain the health of all event participants.

4. How Many Cancellations Have Occurred?

At this time, there have been a couple corporate travel bans. Other than that, the cancellations are on par, or down, from previous years.

5. What is Happening with Corporate Travel Bans?

We understand that some companies have instituted general corporate travel bans for staff. To our knowledge, only a couple have affected our event programming at this time, and we will update our schedule accordingly.

6. Attendee Demographics

Historically, April is not a peak international travel month in Baltimore. COABE's conference attendee registrations are showing **0** attendees from outside of the US.

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