

# A Summary of our Current Crisis Preparedness Plan

## Traveling to Fort Worth

- At this time, GSA is accommodating cancellations from attendees traveling from countries designated as a Level 3 or 4 alert by the The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Updates and impacted countries can be found on the [CDC's Travel Health Notices page](#).
- Attendees should not travel to a GSA Section Meeting if they are feeling unwell (fever of 100.4 F or 38 C, cough and/or shortness of breath). Attendees should monitor the [CDC travel guidelines](#) prior to their departure.
- Dallas/Fort Worth Airport (DFW) is complying with the [travel restrictions signed by the U.S. Government](#) on January 31, 2020, which bars entry to the U.S. of most foreign nationals who traveled to China within the 14 days immediately prior to arrival in the United States.
- GSA is recommending attendees follow the WHO recommendations for [“Stay Healthy While Traveling”](#)

## On-site Preparedness Plan

- While the risk remains low at this time, we cannot ensure a virus-free environment. GSA Section Meetings will be handshake-free meetings. We recommend the [GSA elbow tap](#).

## Sanitation Measures

- Fort Worth Convention Center has hired additional temp labor specifically assigned to clean doors and hand rails, which adhere to the CDC and the World Health Organization (WHO) guidance.
- There will be an increased number of hand sanitation sites available in the Fort Worth Convention Center and GSA will be providing alcohol-based hand sanitizer for all attendees and staff.
- Fort Worth Convention Center is placing hand sanitizers in front of food and beverage buffet lines
- Disposable, disinfectant wipes will be provided by GSA so commonly used surfaces (e.g. doorknobs, keyboards, presentation materials, desk surfaces, etc.) can be routinely sanitized.
- Here are five more things to remember, [per the CDC](#):
  - Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
  - Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
  - Stay home when you are sick.
  - Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

### **Situation Monitoring**

- GSA staff is meeting on a regular basis with key conference stakeholders, including Fort Worth Convention Center to evaluate any risk in the host city. [Tarrant County](#) Public Health's Emergency Preparedness staff is working closely with the CDC and [Texas Department of State Health Services](#)
- GSA is also actively monitoring CDC and WHO updates for further information.