



NACE continues to monitor the situation related to the spread of COVID-19 and considers the safety and well-being of our members and meeting attendees a top priority. Absent federal travel restrictions and/or the State of Alabama, the County of Baldwin, Alabama or the city of Orange Beach, Alabama chooses to close venues, NACE **has not and has no intention to cancel** the 2020 Annual conference.

- The health risk of coronavirus for the general American public is considered low at this time, [according to the latest summary](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- We remain in close contact with our conference venue and host hotels.
- Our event partners remain vigilant and are following the recommended preventative public health procedures and protocols.
- Please be assured we are implementing precautions that reduce the transfer of illnesses of all kinds.

If there are any changes to event schedules, we will provide timely information to registrants. If you are a registered attendee inflicted with the coronavirus, we will make every effort to accommodate a change in plans.

The Perdido Beach Resort has taken extra precautions to ensure a safe environment during our conference. The Perdido Beach Resort, in communication with NACE staff, have issued the following information:

Please know that as a licensed lodging and food & beverage retailer in the state of Alabama, we are required to have ServSafe certified managers on duty during all operational hours that our kitchens are open. This is with compliance of the Food and Drug Administration's 2020 federal food code. Part of the compliance with the food code is a strict reinforcement of not only safely handling food, but the sanitation practices required to mitigate the spread of infectious diseases. Safe practices reflecting the training of our ServSafe managers is trained throughout our operational areas as required. Our guestrooms are also kept under a very high cleanliness standard and products used to clean the guest rooms include chlorinated bleach and antimicrobial solutions.

The CDC's Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), as of February 2020 recommended strategies fall in line very much with the current guidelines that of the FDA's current food code on the requirements to mitigate the outbreak of infections. These include: excluding sick employees from work, good personal hygiene including the consistency of washing hands on a regular basis and after certain risky actions such as using the restroom, and the mitigation of outside pests. The law requires an establishment of ours to hold a contract with a reputable pest control company which we do, and they are very proficient with weekly inspections done mutually with our team to mitigate unwanted pest on our property.

We are currently working closely with our risk manager and the Alabama Restaurant and Hospitality Association to evaluate our safety policies, however, currently the CDC is not recommending anything outside of what we already practice as required by the Alabama State Department of Health. Currently, the CDC states that for the general public outside of the healthcare industry, the immediate risk is considered low.

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If you have any questions, please contact our Conferences Director, Staci Morgan, at staci@countyengineers.org.