

## CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) ADVISORY

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We want to assure colleagues planning to attend any upcoming Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (CSHL) meetings or courses that safety and security are our top priorities. At this time, CSHL has canceled or postponed all upcoming scientific conferences and courses bringing participants to campus through May 11, and will reevaluate future offerings on a rolling basis. CSHL will continue to closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation as it evolves, following all CDC recommendations and guidelines. (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>)

CSHL has taken the following actions to date:

- Please see our [website](#) for postponed or canceled meetings and courses.
- In order to continue promoting scientific exchange, CSHL is exploring virtual meetings and courses, including oral sessions via Zoom and digital "poster sessions", in place of the canceled meetings.

The following apply to all participants registered for currently scheduled CSHL events:

In the event that we postpone a meeting or course, participants will be automatically reenrolled for participation in the postponed meeting or course, but are eligible for a full refund of any fees paid for ~2 weeks after the date when postponement is announced.

*Postponed meetings:* Individuals originally selected for talks should assume they will still be speaking, but we may select additional talks based on the number of invited and selected speakers who cannot reconfirm. Revised and new abstracts may be submitted by the revised abstract deadline posted on the meeting webpage.

*Meetings gone virtual:* Participants will be automatically reenrolled for participation in the virtual meeting, but are eligible for a full refund of any fees paid for ~2 weeks after the date when the meeting went virtual. Full reimbursement of all fees paid for housing and food will be made, as well as partial reimbursement of the registration fee.

*Canceled meetings:* In the event that a meeting or course is canceled outright, all fees paid to CSHL will be reimbursed in full. Participants are not eligible for any travel reimbursement or out-of-pocket expenses, except where CSHL had explicitly promised to support travel expenses in advance.

Please enquire regarding via email to [meetings@cshl.edu](mailto:meetings@cshl.edu)

*Travel Plans:* If you have not already made travel arrangements, we would recommend holding off on that until after a decision regarding any upcoming meeting or course is announced.

Travel Insurance Tip: CSHL recommends that participants purchasing tickets should also purchase extended travel insurance, for example Cancel for Any Reason Travel Insurance ([CFAR](#))