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 April 5th, 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](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html))

CSHL has taken the following actions to date:

- Please see our website for canceled or postponed meetings and courses.
- In order to continue promoting scientific exchange, CSHL is exploring virtual meetings, including oral sessions via Zoom and digital "poster sessions", in place of the canceled meetings.
- Participants from CDC Warning Level 3 countries (currently China, Iran, Italy, & South Korea) have been informed not to attend currently scheduled spring CSHL meetings or courses unless providing certification that they have exited those countries 15 days prior to the event. Meeting participants may access the currently scheduled conferences via videostream if they come from a Warning Level 3 country.

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

- Participants on COVID-19-associated leave of absence or self-quarantine should not attend.
- Participants who have traveled within or transited through CDC Warning Level 3 countries (currently China, Iran, Italy, & South Korea) within two weeks prior to the CSHL event should not attend.
- Participants who have traveled within or transited through CDC Advisory Level 2 countries (currently Japan) within two weeks prior to the CSHL event should monitor their health and determine whether they pose an increased risk of transmitting COVID-19 to others, and cancel accordingly.
- Participants with close family or colleagues who may have recently travelled to or transited through CDC Warning Level 3 or CDC Advisory Level 2 countries should monitor their health and determine whether they pose an increased risk of transmitting COVID-19 to others, and cancel accordingly.
- Participants who are unwell should not attend.

Participants cancelling for any of the above reasons are eligible for full or partial refund of registration fees paid, depending on the length of time between the date of cancellation and the first day of the meeting. Please enquire via email to meetings@cshl.edu

Participant preparedness and well-being at CSHL (see WHO guidelines):

- All participants are advised to practice good personal hygiene, including washing one’s hands regularly and avoiding touching one’s mouth or face.
- Avoid shaking hands with other participants, and consider adopting alternative greetings.
- If feeling unwell, whether upon arrival or during your stay at CSHL, immediately phone the CSHL Wellness Center on 4422 or 516 422 4422, or after hours, phone Security on 8870 or 516 367 8870. By calling in, this will allow staff to discuss your individual situation with you and prepare accordingly.

CSHL campus precautionary measures:

- Increased frequency of cleaning of common areas including washrooms, counters, dining areas
- Increased availability of hand sanitation stations
- Enhanced preparedness at CSHL Wellness Center and Security
- Secure transfer protocols for at risk individuals with potential COVID-19 symptoms to local hospital.

Travel Insurance Tip: CSHL recommends that all participants purchase extended travel insurance, for example Cancel for Any Reason Travel Insurance (CFAR)