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COSM 2020 April 23-24, 2019 Hilton Atlanta Hotel Atlanta, GA

9th Annual Summer Sinus Symposium July 24-26, 2020 Lowes Miami Beach Hotel

Miami, FL 66th Annual Meeting ARS at AAO

September 13-14, 2020 Boston, MA March 5, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

The American Rhinologic Society (ARS) has been closely monitoring the developing national public health situation surrounding the novel coronavirus, COVID-19.

The well-being and safety of our leadership, membership, meeting attendees, and staff remains our highest priority as we prepare for the upcoming COSM Meetings in Atlanta, GA.

The ARS is working closely with the American College of Surgeons, and the COSM Secretaries on this issue and after careful review of the CDC (Center for Disease Control) current risk assessment guidelines and recommendations along with a thorough review of many considerations, we are planning to proceed with the ARS meeting at COSM next month.

The ARS Leadership will continue to monitor any new developments reported by the CDC, World Health Organization (WHO), and the ECDC (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control).

Should we receive further alarming data from the agencies listed above we will reassess the situation at that time.

Feel free to contact me or the ARS Administrator, Wendi Perez should you have any questions or visit us on our website <u>www.american-rhinologic.org</u>.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Kern, MD President, ARS

Coronavirus Disease 2019: Resources

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
- World Health Organization (WHO)

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