



Dear Members:

We are writing to you because we value the health and well-being of our members, their families, our staff and their families. As you are aware, there are confirmed cases of COVID-19 (coronavirus) in Karnataka and India. We are not aware of any confirmed cases in our local community.

For our community, the current risk level associated with COVID-19 might be low. However, global hotspots shift, and the contagion pattern is not well understood. With that uncertainty, we need to make prudent choices to protect the health of our own community and the broader communities we belong to, without creating unnecessary disruptions to the normal pursuit of our life and activities.

We are sharing this information in the sake of transparency, so you are aware and can help reduce the spread of infection. The best ways to reduce the risk of getting this or **any** viral respiratory infection include:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces
- Stay at home away from others if you are sick
- Cover mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands
- Do not attend functions, play golf or attend events if you have cold or flu-like symptoms (elevated temperature, fever, cough, shortness of breath).

I encourage each of you to think through how you can help limit risk as well. For many of you, the steps we are taking to protect the health of the community may involve significant inconvenience and personal sacrifice.

I also hope we can be sensitive to each other's burdens in this situation and make accommodations when we can.

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