

## Travel Leaders Echo Experts: Make Fact-Based Decisions About Traveling

*U.S. Officials: "It Is Safe for Healthy Americans to Travel"*

WASHINGTON (March 10, 2020)—A coalition of 150 travel-related organizations issued the following statement on the latest developments around coronavirus (signatories below):

"For the travel and hospitality industry, the safety of the traveling public, our guests and our employees is of the utmost importance. We are in daily contact with public health authorities and are acting on the most up-to-date information on the evolving coronavirus situation.

"Health and government officials have continually assured the public that healthy Americans can 'confidently travel in this country.' While it's critically important to remain vigilant and take useful precautions in times like these, it's equally important to make calm, rational, and fact-based decisions.

"Though the headlines may be worrisome, experts continue to say the overall coronavirus risk in the U.S. remains low. At-risk groups are older individuals and those with underlying health conditions, who should take extra precautions.

"The latest expert guidance indicates that for the overwhelming majority, it's OK to live, work, play and travel in the U.S. By seeking and heeding the latest expert guidance—which includes vigorous use of good health practices, similar to the preventive steps recommended for the seasonal flu—America's communities will stay strong and continue to thrive. The decision to cancel travel and events has a trickle-down effect that threatens to harm the U.S. economy, from locally owned hotels, restaurants, travel advisors and tour operators to the service and frontline employees who make up the backbone of the travel industry and the American economy.

"We are mindful of a guiding principle that long predates this current public health situation: without the safety and security of travelers, there can be no travel. The travel industry will maintain lines of contact with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. Departments of Homeland Security and Health and Human Services, and will remain vigilant for any changes. Collectively, we are taking enhanced steps to ensure both the safety of travelers, guests and our own employees."

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Arizona Office of Tourism  
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California Hotel & Lodging Association  
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CityPASS  
Colorado Hotel & Lodging Association  
Colorado Tourism Office  
ConferenceDirect  
Connecticut Lodging Association  
Cruise Lines International Association  
CRVA/Visit Charlotte  
Delaware North  
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Destination Niagara USA  
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Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association

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Resonance Consultancy  
San Diego County Lodging Association  
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Santa Monica Travel & Tourism  
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Society of Government Meeting Professionals  
Society of Independent Show Organizers (SISO)  
South Carolina Dept. of Parks, Recreation and Tourism  
South Carolina Restaurant & Lodging Association  
South Dakota Department of Tourism  
Southeast Tourism Society  
St. Louis Area Hotel Association  
Student & Youth Travel Association  
Tampa International Airport  
Tennessee Hospitality & Tourism Association  
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The Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau  
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The Travel Technology Association  
Travel Nevada  
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