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To Our Community:

Globally, the Coronavirus has been categorized by risk professionals as a significant risk that continues to devastate businesses and disrupt industries. At RIMS, we routinely educate our members about such risks, delivering best practices and thought-leading strategies. Now, it is us applying those best practices and it has been a truly humbling experience.

Beyond our RIMS Annual Conference & Exhibition, the Coronavirus has had a tremendous impact on all of our communities, our colleagues and loved ones. First and foremost, we wish you safety and good health during this difficult and unnerving time.

Your health and well-being remain RIMS' top priority and we thank you for your patience as we apply our risk management preparedness plan and navigate uncharted territory.

The Society is well aware of the World Health Organization's escalation of the Coronavirus to a global pandemic and U.S. President Donald Trump's National State of Emergency declaration. Additionally, yesterday, Colorado Governor Jared Polis issued an indefinite state-wide ban on gatherings of more than 250 people and Denver Mayor Michael Hancock followed suit closing the convention center until April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Your RIMS team is meeting with key stakeholders, government agencies, event partners, as well as with industry leaders at Aon, our insurance broker, and other trusted advisors, to develop sound strategies that address all of our concerns. The industry is coming together to manage this situation on behalf of you, our valued members and conference participants.

These meetings are scheduled to continue into early next week and will provide greater clarity on our ultimate plan for RIMS2020. As information becomes available, we will continue to communicate through multiple channels that include email and social media. Please be sure to follow RIMS on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.

Now, more than ever, the risk management community must band together and leverage the wealth of our collective experience. RIMS created a COVID-19 Resource Center (<https://www.rims.org/covid-19>) to support you as your organizations address the virus' impact. Additionally, there are conversations on OPIS that might offer key insights that empower you to build stronger, more resilient risk programs for your organizations.

This global pandemic is maturing in the U.S. with no definitive answers or trajectory. However, as risk professionals, it is our job to stand on the front lines of crisis, to critically assess situations and deliver solutions that support our organizations' future.

We can't express enough how appreciative we are of this community who understands the situation's complexity and continues to stand by us as we advance through the risk management process.

Sincerely,

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