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PRESS RELEASE

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TAI Takes Measures to Protect Members and Communities

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As the global community continues to grapple with COVID-19 (coronavirus) and its far-reaching implications, this press release is distributed to update Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. (TAI) membership of the measures being taking to protect the health of our membership and communities when interacting with one another and participating in organizational activities.

Business continuity

We will collectively be guided by actions and advice of the [Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](https://www.cdc.gov), applicable Departments of Health, and the Federal Government as to when and whether to take or dictate fully restrictive measures in our public convenings or move toward options such as teleworking for our office staff.

One certainty for the prevention and transmission of the virus is to practice good personal hygiene. We are asking all employees and visitors to our National Office, as well as all TAI members to follow the CDC's prevention and treatment [recommendations](#). We are requiring employees who are ill, even with common colds or other routine seasonal symptoms, to remain at home and work remotely.

Regional and Chapter Activities

Out of an abundance of caution, we highly recommend all regions to postpone any scheduled face-to-face regional meetings or caucuses. We suggest that region and chapter officers review their upcoming events and decide which can be cancelled, postponed or convened by teleconference. Those events involving youth or vulnerable adults should be cancelled or postponed in concert with local school districts or city/community restrictions. We are also encouraging innovation and, if possible, use of technology to live broadcast or stream events in lieu of in-person convenings. TAI leadership may make a judgment call to request all chapters to cancel, postpone, or teleconference activities based on levels of community transmission and guidance from the CDC, individual Departments of Health, and the Federal Government.

National Convention

Currently, we have not reached the point of cancelling any of our convention-related events and are still proceeding with plans for our National Convention on August 6 - 8 in San Antonio, Texas. Although there have been several individuals evacuated into San Antonio for mandatory quarantine, there has been only one confirmed case of the virus, and to date there has been no “community transmission” of the virus in the San Antonio area.

At a minimum, we will implement a series of precautions and restrictions to ensure the maximum safety of our membership and potential convention attendees. That said, the Convention Committee has also been tasked to consider and develop contingencies, to include postponement, should the situation worsen to the point where it would not be prudent or viable to continue.

We will err on the side of safety. Our priority will be the health of our membership and our respective communities. Please be cautious, careful and safe.