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We want to share with you a development that we have learned of regarding the Pacific Dental Conference, which took place in Vancouver from March 5-7, 2020, and COVID-19. A person who attended the conference for a few hours has been confirmed to have COVID-19. Please click here for a statement from Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) for more details. <http://www.vch.ca/about-us/news/vancouver-coastal-health-statement-on-coronavirus>

Although we have been told by the VCH there is no reason to sound the alarm we want to be sure our registrants have the information we have at this time.

VCH considers this an extremely low-risk exposure. They recommend attendees to the conference monitor themselves for symptoms – fever, cough, headache, and shortness of breath for up to 14 days and call 811 or [HealthLink BC](http://HealthLinkBC.ca) should they develop any.

If you stay healthy and symptom free, there is no need to self-isolate, however you should continue to practice vigorous hand washing, coughing/sneezing into your sleeve and staying home if ill.

Our priority is the safety of the public and as such we ask all registrants to be diligent at monitoring themselves and staying home if feeling ill. We expect that our registrants will continue to follow the IPAC guidelines.

Sincerely,

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