



Legion and Impact of Coronavirus COVID-19 #2

As an update, yesterday I convened a team at Legion House to look at our programmes and operations and how the spread of the virus and decisions within and beyond our control could affect the organization. This is not intended to create panic where it does not exist, rather it is essential to develop a preparedness plan to address the organizational impact of decisions over which we have control as well as those which we do not (i.e. directed by federal / regional / municipal government, health officials, etc). It is still business as usual, however, we need to be ready to take action if required. We need only to look at how some governments have reacted to realize the importance of developing our response protocol (quarantines, banning large gatherings, cancelling sporting events, cancelling parades, etc)

We are looking at:

- Legion HQ precautions and what if an employee contracts the virus
- Branch precautions to protect their members
- Business Travel: domestic and international
- Gatherings: April DEC, convention, Track & Field, member sports, Nijmegen Marches
- Poppy Campaign and Remembrance ceremonies
- Ability to meet electronically
- Financial obligation if we must cancel a contracted event

The team is identifying potential operational exposure (i.e. service officer work, outreach and visitation, product manufacturing, membership) and repercussions of a cancelled or altered event. DEC will be provided with considerations. The final report will be shared once ready

Statements regarding our programmes and precautions the Legion is taking will be posted online and shared in all-branch emails. .

We are maintaining a calm but serious approach in addressing this situation and will share updates should things develop.

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