

## ISAAC Statement on Conference 2020 and COVID-19

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**Toronto, Canada – March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020:** We understand that concerns about the new coronavirus are a factor when making international travel arrangements at this time. Information about COVID-19 is rapidly changing.

The [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#) has been supporting national authorities in global efforts to track the virus. In addition, the WHO and the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) recently released a [joint statement](#) calling for responsibility and coordination in guiding the travel and tourism sectors' response to COVID-19. By closely monitoring updates provided by WHO and other governmental agencies from around the world, ISAAC is committed to communicating the best current information as the situation progresses.

As of today, there are only three confirmed cases in Mexico, two in Mexico City and one in the northern state of Sinaloa. Neither individual is seriously ill. Current cases in Mexico and Southern California (US), seem to be mostly linked to the outbreak in northern Italy. No cases have been reported in Cancún.

ISAAC looks forward to hosting a successful ISAAC 2020 conference in Cancún, México, this coming August. We will continue to communicate on this topic, as needed, in order to ensure the safety and well-being of all conference attendees.

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