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2020 Spring Newsletter

Letter From the President

PNW Chapter,

As we all progress through the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, I would like to remind you that this is one of the very reasons why our industry exists. We are present to not only serve our clients, our customers, and our patients, but we are here to support each other, striving to improve our way of life. We must continue to work together in times of crisis, and join together to fight the challenges that are present every day, as a team.

This year is bringing about some very exciting opportunities for our region as we dive even deeper into various educational series. We had a great opportunity to learn from three industry experts surrounding Data Integrity, having 58 people attend, learn, and network. A big thank you to Ravi Yalamanchili, Mark Balboni, and Harry Benson for speaking on your respective areas of expertise!

Later this spring we are having a Biotech Startup Series, "Biotech 101", with three sessions focused on various elements taking us all the way from initial funding through product manufacture, discrepancy management, and regulatory filing! I am very excited for this series and many of the other opportunities this year brings.

Of course, we will be having our Annual ISPE PNW Golf Tournament on July 23rd, at Harbour Pointe Golf Course in Mukilteo, and I am looking forward to continuing to grow this event year over year!

There are still opportunities for sponsorships for your companies, both general and event specific, so please reach out and get involved!



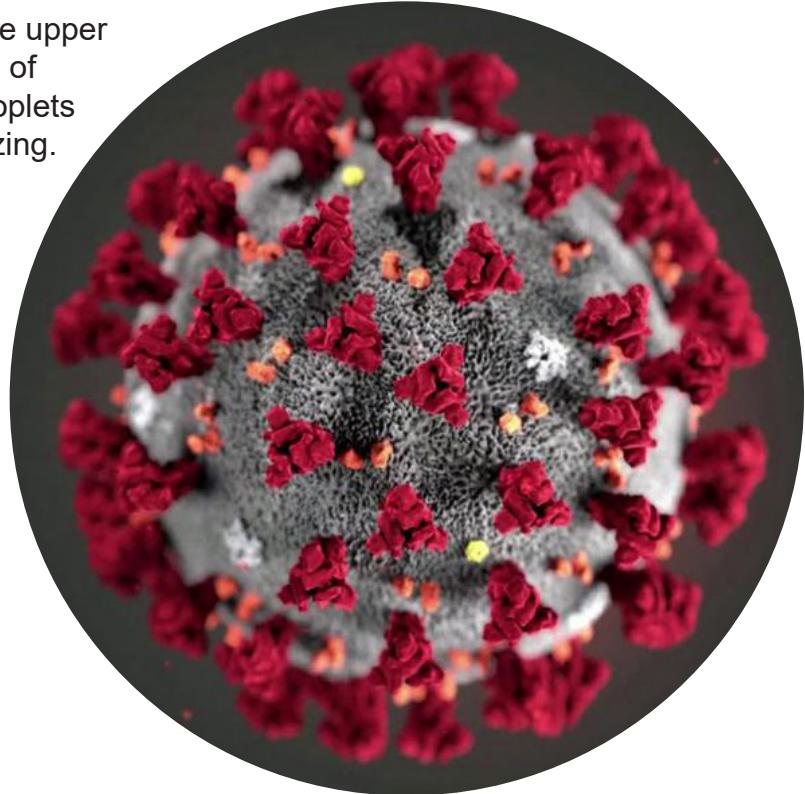
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COVID-19 Update

Coronavirus is a virus which can infect both the upper and lower respiratory tracts and lead to a form of pneumonia. Coronavirus is spread through droplets transmitted into the air from coughing or sneezing. Signs and symptoms are fever, coughing, and shortness of breath. It is especially dangerous for the elderly and those with significant underlying conditions including heart, lung, kidney disease; diabetes; and conditions that suppress the immune system.

On Monday March 23rd, Governor Inslee issued an order to stay home unless doing critical tasks such as going to the doctor, shopping for groceries, etc. You can read about what infrastructure is considered critical here. <https://www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19>



Location	Cases	Deaths
Washington	5,250	210
Oregon	606	16
Idaho	415	7
United States	176,518	3,431

*As of March 31st - for up to date information, visit <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/us/>

Best practices:

- Practice basic hygiene - wash hands regularly, disinfect surfaces that are commonly used such as desks, laptops, phones, doorknobs, etc.
- Practice social distancing – stay 6 feet away from others, stop handshaking, hugging, and sharing food and drink.
- Practice respiratory hygiene - cover your face with a bent elbow or tissue when coughing or sneezing and dispose of tissues immediately
- If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention and call in advance. Follow the directions of your local health authority.

Further reading from Johns Hopkins University <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/>

Data Integrity Event Update

Amazing turnout at last months International Society of Pharmaceutical Engineers [ISPE] 2020 Data Integrity Course! Thank you to Ravi Yalamanchili of Bristol-Myers Squibb, Mark Balboni of Balboni Consulting Group, and Harry Benson of CAI for discussing the importance of data integrity in the pharmaceutical world—as well as the various means and methodologies.



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