

March 11,2020

Dear Fellow Al-Anon Member:

It is with much regret that we are informing you the Convention Committee has made the decision to cancel this year's Convention. Each of us has prayed about this decision, we have talked to people at the Arkansas Health Department, and we have listened to, and are heeding, the recommendations of experts on infectious diseases.

Yesterday at Vice President Pence's coronavirus news conference, Dr. Anthony Fauci stated: "We would like the country to realize that as a nation, we can't be doing the kinds of things we were doing a few months ago. It doesn't matter if you're in a state that has no cases or one case." If and when the infections will come...and they will come... Everybody should say 'All hands on deck.'"

We all hear on the news that people over 60 and those with underlying medical issues are most at risk. There are a lot of our members who are over 60 because we are taught to Keep Coming Back. It is our decision that it would be irresponsible for us to put any of our members at risk of coronavirus.

We have checked with the Lodge and if we cancel by Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. we will not incur any financial liability. We are going to be sending this letter out by email to all the DRs, the GRs, and as many people as we have email addresses for so they can cancel their room reservation today. Please help us in spreading the word that the Convention will canceled.

We are very disappointed that we are canceling what we know would be a wonderful Convention. For those of you who are pre-registered, we will carry your registration over to next year.

At a time like this it is crucial that we remember two things: 1) We don't have to like reality to accept it and, 2) God is in charge.

In Loving Service,

49th Annual State Al-Anon/Alateen Committee

