

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Dear Members,

In the mounting concern over the COVID 19 virus, MTAS will join in our Global attempt to flatten the curve of the spread of this virus. MTAS is saddened to report the following cancellations/postponements of MTAS activities and provide some insight for our membership.

The Cadaver Lab: March 21, 2020, Postponed

The University of Saskatchewan has advised that they have cancelled all non-essential events on campus in light of recent world events.

This means that the cadaver lab is not able to proceed as planned.

We are working with Dr. Mohamed to try to reschedule for May or June.

The Annual General Meeting: March 29, 2020, Postponed

The Board of Directors has decided to postpone this event until our Province has lifted the social distancing and large group event restrictions.

We will rebook the Annual General Meeting and advise the membership immediately when a new venue and date is determined.

Dermo Neuro Modulating Diane Jacobs: pending

(this is pending our conversation with Diane Jacobs tomorrow am when are currently recommending the cancellation and rebooking of the event).

Your Practice:

The decision to continue to treat or close your practice is at your professional discretion as a Registered Massage Therapist. MTAS does not have the jurisdiction to mandate Saskatchewan massage therapists to close their clinics/practices; we do encourage you to refer to the information and recommendations provided by our Government (Provincially and Federally), and the Saskatchewan Health Authority.

Please continue to apply the strictest screening and hygiene procedures during this time. You may prefer to speak to your patients before their scheduled appointments to review their health status and determine if they should come for a treatment at this time. (See attached)

MTAS will continue to monitor the Saskatchewan Health Bulletins, work with our peers throughout Canada and the United States, and monitor updates from the World Health Organization. Pertinent information will be provided on our website <u>www.saskmassagetherapy.com</u> and through our email communication.

The following link will provide you with up to date News Bulletins on Saskatchewan Health and Covid-19. Saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR PATIENT SAFETY

- Do you have a fever, cough or shortness of breath?
- Have you been out of the country in the last 14 days?
- Have you been in contact with anyone with any of the above symptoms or who have been out of the country?

IF YOU ANSWERED YES, RESCHEDULE YOUR MASSAGE APPOINTMENT

If you are displaying symptoms, call Saskatchewan HealthLine **811**. For the latest information visit **saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus**

