



## Council Suspending Meetings and In-Person Activities

March 16, 2020

Today the Council's Executive Committee made the decision to suspend all Council meetings and in-person activities effective immediately. This suspension shall remain in effect until guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Governor Edwards indicate otherwise.

To reduce the possible transmission of COVID-19, the following precautions will be taken until further notice:

- Suspending (not holding) the April 2020 Council meeting and any Committee Meetings
- Restricting office access to Council staff only
- Suspending all Council-supported in-person training and events, including:
  - Partners in Policymaking 2020 sessions
  - Preventing Sexual Abuse and Exploitation trainings
  - Customized Employment and Competency-Based Training and Mentoring sessions
  - Early Childcare Center and EarlySteps Inclusive Training sessions
  - Post-Secondary Inclusive Education Alliance activities
- Suspending all LaCAN in-person activities, including:
  - LaCAN member meetings
  - LaCAN Leader trainings
  - Yellow Shirt Days
  - Legislative visits

*NOTE: LaCAN Alerts will continue to be shared with information regarding issues relevant to people with developmental disabilities. The Louisiana Legislature has suspended meetings until March 31, 2020.*

The Council will continue to track the efforts being made to combat COVID-19 and advocate for the unique needs of people with developmental disabilities and their families. Information and updates relevant to the disability population will be shared on our [website](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#).

During these difficult times we encourage working together to reduce the transmission of COVID-19, particularly people who are high risk. In the words of Executive Committee Member Dr. Hyacinth McKee, "During this time of needing to reduce the transmission of the COVID-19 virus, safety must be our number one priority."

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