

ATS IMPORTANT BREAKING NEWS

Thank you to everyone who responded to the recent survey. It was important to the Executive Committee to hear from our ICPC members as we face decisions about future training.

We recognize that these are still uncertain times as we continue to navigate a pandemic that has gripped our world for much longer than anyone anticipated. With numbers beginning to ease and the distribution of a COVID-19 vaccine, it seems we may be seeing light at the end of the long tunnel.

The survey responses about attending the 2021 ATS tells us that there is more concern about finance and scheduling conflicts than COVID-19 for this summer. After much consideration and discussion, the Executive Committee agree unanimously to proceed with the ATS in Scottsdale, Arizona July 12-16, 2021. It has been a difficult decision, but we believe ICPC must move forward the best we can.

Safety precautions will be part of every aspect of the ATS. Please take time to view this [link to the video from the Hyatt hotel in Scottsdale](#) with their plans for health and safety during our stay.

- Mask will be worn at all times.
- Classrooms will have spacing to allow social distance.
- Temperatures will be taken prior to every class.
- Meals will be served in individual packaging or be served by staff.
- Large group gatherings such as the banquet and ceremonies will have social distance seating.
- Hotel contactless check in.
- Hotel mobile app and keyless entry.
- Mask worn by all hotel personnel.
- Contactless buffet.
- Frequent cleaning by hotel staff throughout the facility.
- An ICPC app with class schedule, handouts, identification, and more.

Your Executive Committee is committed to take every precaution possible to keep everyone safe, healthy, and comfortable while attending the ATS.

Albert Einstein said, "Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving." The Executive Committee believes ICPC must keep moving however cautiously.

Not everyone will be comfortable to come. Some will decide the timing is not good for them. Others are ready not only for some quality training but also for the fellowship that we have all missed since we were not able to be together last summer. Many have expressed the need to be with other Chaplains after the hardships we have all endured. We want you to make the decision that is best for you and your family, I hope you will feel comfortable to join us this summer in Scottsdale for a grand time of great training and wonderful, long overdue fellowship. Whatever your decision, know that you are loved and being prayed for every day. Be on the lookout for more information and let me know if you have any questions.

May God Bless you and your family, your Officers, and your agency.

Pam Neal
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