Good Afternoon.

As I am sure you are aware, the information on the coronavirus (COVID-19) is changing daily and the Minnesota Education Job Fair Association (MEJFA) along with The Odyssey Group continues to closely monitor this situation.

MEJFA is currently planning to move forward with the Minnesota Education Job Fair on April 1, 2020 at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

At this time, no cases of COVID-19 have been identified in the Minneapolis-St. Paul region or the state of Minnesota.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) does not recommend canceling or postponing travel to any destination in the United States. The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is leading the state and city preparedness and information dissemination.

We will continue to monitor recommendations from the CDC and the MDH to determine any future actions. We encourage all attendees to follow the prevention and treatment guidance that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has published.

It is important to emphasize that MEJFA places the utmost importance on the safety of our participants. We are committed to ensuring that the Job Fair is a space that feels safe for all. In addition to the preventative measures established by the CDC and MDH, we are encouraging that students and employers refrain from shaking hands at the Job Fair. There will also be hand sanitizer stations throughout the conference hall. We will offer breakfast as planned, with additional precautions.

We will continue to be vigilant and actively monitor the situation in Minnesota and in the US. We will share additional updates if things change.

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We know that COVID-19 (also commonly known as the “Coronavirus”) is top of mind for you, your team, and your attendees and would like to provide you with information to address some of your most pressing questions.

Currently, only three cases of COVID-19 have been identified in the state of Minnesota. These cases are all outside of Hennepin County where the Minneapolis Convention Center is located and appear to be based on travel-related exposure (not community-related exposure).

We have been, and will continue to, work closely with local officials and public health officials to follow all recommendations and best practices regarding the virus. At the Minneapolis Convention Center, our number one priority is always the health and safety of our guests and team members.

Some of the proactive steps the Minneapolis Convention Center is taking include:

- Placing hand-sanitizing stations in every public lobby
- Disinfecting areas more frequently that see more hand touching like door handles, water fountains and bathroom fixtures
  - We use Zep DZ-7 Neutral Disinfectant Cleaner which is effective against a broad spectrum of bacteria, is virucide and kills 99.9% of germs and bacteria
- Suspending self-serve condiments for meal options and offering limited buffet service
- Providing additional training as determined by the Department of Health for food preparation, service and safety to catering team leads and staff
- Increasing cleaning frequency of kitchen prep areas with sanitization at the end of each shift and full kitchen sanitization daily
- Adding handwashing stations to serving areas for wait staff
- Making disinfecting wipes available to guests at all retail outlets

Again, these are just some of the preventative measures we’ve taken. We encourage everyone to follow the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for everyday actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses. Here in Minnesota, the Minnesota Department of Health is leading the state and city preparedness and information dissemination.

Please know that we are doing everything we can to ensure our guests have a safe and positive experience at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

We are continually monitoring and assessing any new developments and will provide updates when new information becomes available.

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