Coronavirus Update and Resources

As schools work to safeguard student health and prevent the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), school counselors are challenged to meet student needs both at school and outside school in the event of closures. ASCA has developed some recommendations for both situations. Here you'll find a number of resources for talking to students about the virus, including encouraging parents to limit their children's exposure to news media, providing a calming influence to students as needed and helping students address their fears. ASCA has also developed guidance for school counselors to continue to meet student needs in the event of a school closure.

Schools, working together with local health departments, play an important role in slowing the spread of diseases to help ensure students have safe and healthy learning environments. Please review the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Interim Guidance for Administrators of U.S. Childcare Programs and K-12 Schools to Plan, Prepare and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

In terms of the ASCA Annual Conference, we continue to closely monitor updates from the CDC, as well as state and local public health authorities. At present, the ASCA Annual Conference will be held June 27–30 in Seattle, as scheduled. However, full refunds are available for registration through May 31 by emailing asca_registration@goeshow.com. Please know that your health and safety are our top priority, and members should certainly consider their own health in decisions to travel. Please follow @ASCAtweets and the ASCA website for updates.