



April 24, 2020

COVID-19 UPDATE

- TAHPERD's staff is working remotely beginning March 25 through May 8.
- The staff is still available by phone during weekdays from 8 AM to 5 PM.
- Convention Planning meetings scheduled for April 16-17- canceled.
- Board of Directors Meeting will be held via video conference April 18.
- 36th Annual TAHPERD Summer Conference held July 12-14 – canceled.
- Area Workshops pushed to August or later.

Due to the growing impact of COVID-19, known as the coronavirus, in the Austin area, the Texas Association for Health, Physical Education Recreation, and Dance (TAHPERD) is following the city and state officials recommended public health best practices.

COVID-19 has put everyone in a very unpredictable situation. After carefully reviewing the current and possible unforeseen future for the next 3-4 months, TAHPERD's Leadership Team made a very difficult decision to cancel the 36th Annual TAHPERD Summer Conference scheduled for July 12-14, 2020 in Frisco, Texas. Over serious concerns regarding the well-being of our members, we have also suggested that all Area Workshops scheduling be pushed to August or later. Additionally, we are looking at ways to provide alternative virtual Continuing Professional Education (CPE) opportunities.

It is important that we extend caution to our TAHPERD staff. On Wednesday, March 25, the City of Austin implemented a "stay at home order." TAHPERD staff will not be present at our state office. However, our regular hours to answer phone calls will remain 8 AM to 5 PM from Monday to Friday. We are in the process of enabling all TAHPERD staff with the ability to work remotely until this health crisis has passed.

As we continue to sort through the logistics of this change, we ask for your continued understanding and patience. TAHPERD staff will be able to take phone calls and emails remotely beginning March 30.

The TAHPERD staff will do everything we can to continue providing service to our members. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at services@TAHPERD.org or leave us a message at 512-459-1299.