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Grand Geneva Announced it will be closed effective March 26.
**MARS SUMMER 2020 MEETING SCHEDULED
FOR JULY 20-21, 2020 IS BEING CLOSELY
MONITORED**

MARS's first priority is protecting the health and safety of our Association Members, our MARS executive committee as well as our sponsors and vendors. We are thoroughly monitoring recommendations from local, state and federal authorities along with those of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and World Health Organization as we continue to evaluate our event.

In Wisconsin, the Governor issued a mandatory closure order effective March 26 through April 24. Grand Geneva advises that, practically speaking, this means they will be closed until April 30. We are also monitoring restrictions put in place by state and local governments in surrounding states where Association Members reside and the impact those restrictions, if any, would have on our event.

The Grand Geneva notified us that barring change of trend observations from the CDC and/or further regulations from an appropriate government organization, it plans to reopen after April 30, 2020, offering all services normally available. Up to date information about the Grand Geneva's plans for the MARS event can be viewed [here](#), with general updates from Grand Geneva accessible [here](#).

We understand how much each of you values the education, networking and business development opportunities offered at the MARS conferences and MARS leadership continues planning for another high-quality agenda and event whenever we do meet next. Regardless of the timing of when this occurs, we believe our next meeting will be a welcome time to reconnect after a period of disruption.

As of now, the Summer Meeting on July 20-21, 2020, at Grand Geneva is still scheduled. However, because of the concern for the aforementioned health and safety of all of our constituents, we will continue to monitor events and adjust this decision accordingly. So far, the number of registrations is running ahead of last year and we are thankful for your amazing support of MARS. We will advise you of any change of plan as soon as possible. In the meantime, you can register to attend at [MARS Meeting Registration](#), and you can book your lodging at: [Grand Geneva](#) or [Timber Ridge Lodge](#)

We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding and wish you good health in these truly unprecedented times.

Yours truly,
Stefan Loeb
President

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