

Cancellation of the 9th International Research Conference on Adolescents and Adults with FASD

Event Dates: April 22 – 25, 2020

Location: Vancouver, BC, Canada

[A message from UBC Interprofessional Continuing Education](#)

After carefully considering the evolving situation with COVID-19, we have made the difficult and unprecedented decision to cancel the 9th International Research Conference on Adolescents and Adults with FASD, scheduled for April 22 – 25, 2020 in Vancouver, BC, Canada.

This was not an easy decision to make but if you read through the Government Risk-Informed decision making for mass gatherings link below, you will see that, as participants include health professionals and individuals with FASD, who would could be a high-risk group to COVID-19.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/health-professionals/mass-gatherings-risk-assesment.html>

Also, Provincial health officer Dr. Bonnie Henry has now advised against gatherings with more than 250 individuals;

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/b-c-recommends-against-all-non-essential-travel-outside-of-canada-as-7-new-cases-of-covid-19-detected-1.5495811>

We believe cancellation is the only responsible course of action to protect the health and well-being of all attendees.

This is the first time we had to cancel an initiative, and we share your disappointment; this specific initiative is an important biannual event for the FASD community and is very special to our hearts. We ask for your understanding and patience as we work through the complex logistics of this very difficult circumstance. We hope you can understand our decision and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming FASD-related initiatives.

The date for the next Adolescent and Adults with FASD conference is currently not decided, but we are looking into the possibilities of hosting the 9th International Research Conference on Adolescents and Adults with FASD instead of the 9th International Research Conference on FASD at The Westin Bayshore, Vancouver, BC, Canada from **March 3 – 6, 2021**. You will be notified and our website will be updated as soon as we have more information.

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What Does This Mean for You?

Registration Refunds and/or Credits

We will provide full refunds for registrations and exhibits. Alternatively, you can apply your current registration fee to either of the next two conferences on FASD. This is the preferred method but we understand if you wish a full refund at this point.

There is no need to contact the IPCE to initiate your reimbursement. *We will contact you in the next week to start this process.* Please note that reimbursements will be done through your original method of payment. We will process refunds as quickly as possible, but please be patient as they will take a few weeks to complete.

Travel and Hotel Cancellations

Travel arrangements made for the event are your responsibility to cancel. Hotel reservations made in the room block only will be cancelled.

Questions?

Please contact marketing.ipce@ubc.ca if you have questions that are not addressed above. Thank you.