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UNLESS EXPRESSLY APPROVED BY IDSA IN WRITING, ALL IN-PERSON CHAPTER EVENTS ARE POSTPONED OR CANCELLED THROUGH MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021.

Dear Chapter Leaders,

IDSA has continued to monitor and evaluate COVID-19's impact. As states continue to make decisions about the safest practices for returning to daily activities (professional, educational, social, etc.), the most appropriate decision is to extend our guidance around convening chapter events. **Unless expressly approved in writing by IDSA, all in-person chapter events are to be postponed or canceled through Monday, January 4, 2021.**

Key factors that were considered in this decision:

- Out of an abundance of caution, IDSA has transitioned the remaining in-person events for this year to a virtual format, including the [International Design Conference](#) (September 17-18, 2020), [Women in Design Deep Dive](#) (October 6-7, 2020), and the [Medical Design Deep Dive](#) (November 12-13, 2020).
- IDSA HQ staff will continue to work in a remote capacity through Monday, January 4, 2021.
- Many IDSA professional chapters have successfully transitioned their in-person opportunities to valuable, virtual experiences throughout the pandemic.

We continue to encourage all chapters to broaden their programming experiences using virtual platforms. Remember that you may speak with IDSA about acquiring a Zoom license to assist with hosting virtual events for your chapter, and you have access to colleagues who have hosted successful virtual chapter experiences for their communities and IDSA members at large. These chapters include: [Atlanta](#), [Austin](#), [Cleveland](#), [Cincinnati](#), [Denver](#), [Louisville](#), [New York City](#), [Northern Lakes](#), [Portland, OR](#), [Providence, RI](#), [San Francisco](#), and [Seattle](#).

While virtual programming adds a rich layer of opportunities to the chapter experience, we understand there may be circumstances where chapters are interested in facilitating in-person events. If this is the case, you must use the [IDSA Guidelines for Hosting In-Person Chapter Events](#).

Questions? Contact [Korie Twiggs](#), Community Manager