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Dear Colleagues:

We are aware that many of you are providing direct care or are working to support public health programs to limit the spread of COVID-19. We deeply appreciate all of the time and work you are putting into this effort.

In the midst of this public health crisis, we are carefully considering options for the California Immunization Coalition Summit scheduled for June 2020. Although public health officials and civic leaders throughout California are currently recommending or in some cases, requiring the cancellation of events and have imposed travel restrictions through March – we do not want to cancel the June Summit without further consideration. We are hopeful that in the next several weeks, we will have a better sense of the state of the pandemic and whether current social distancing recommendations may still be in effect in June.

The California Immunization Coalition is committed to keeping you informed about our plans. We will reassess the situation at the end of March and send an update at that time or sooner if circumstances change. In the event that we do postpone or reschedule, we will honor refunds for those who cannot attend. Thus, you can continue to register with the assurance that you will receive a refund if requested, however, you may want to hold off on making nonrefundable travel arrangements until the end of March.

We are hopeful that we will be able to move forward with the Summit, but the final decision will ultimately be determined by public health directives and the best interests of our attendees and the community at large.

Amidst all of the challenges and uncertainty that we as a community are being presented with on a daily, if not hourly basis, we are so proud to know and work with all of our colleagues in health care and in public health – and we stand ready to support you.

Sincerely,

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