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**Subject:** 2020 NEGEA Annual Conference Canceled

Dear Teaching Academy Members and Friends,

It is with great disappointment and sadness that we share with you the communication below from NEGEA Chair Janine Shapiro that our NEGEA 2020 Annual Conference at the University of Vermont is now canceled.

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Over the last several days, the AAMC has continued to actively monitor developments related to coronavirus, including engaging with both federal health officials and our member institutions. After much discussion with AAMC leadership, we have made the difficult but necessary decision to cancel the Northeastern Group on Educational Affairs Annual Conference.

The health and safety of our constituents and staff is our top priority. We made this difficult decision out of concern for the well-being of all who were scheduled to travel and attend this meeting, and because of our growing awareness that you, as leaders of our member institutions, are increasingly needed at home.

At this time, we are not planning to reschedule this meeting. If you were registered, the AAMC will refund your registration fee in full in the original form of payment. You will receive a registration cancellation confirmation in a separate email.

**IMPORTANT:** You will need to cancel your hotel and airline reservations directly. Hotel reservations must be cancelled at least 72 hours prior to check-in.

For individuals that made reservations at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Burlington please call 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667) to cancel your individual reservation. Or, you may visit <http://www.hilton.com> and cancel with your confirmation number. To cancel your hotel accommodations at overflow hotels that are on listed on the NEGEA 2020 website, please call the hotels directly, provide your confirmation number, first and last name and they will cancel your reservation for you. Cancellation policies are specific to each property and your booking method. We encourage you to contact the hotels as soon as possible to avoid any penalties.

If you have specific questions about your refund and registration, please contact Debra K. Hollins ([dhollins@aamc.org](mailto:dhollins@aamc.org)).

This communication relates to your attendance at this meeting only. Decisions about future AAMC meetings will be based on daily assessments, and will be communicated to attendees of future AAMC meetings at least 10 days prior to the start date of their meeting if there is a cancellation.

This is an unprecedented national concern, and we thank you for your patience and understanding as the AAMC continue to carefully evaluate and work through this complex and rapidly changing situation.

On behalf of the AAMC and the NEGEA Steering Committee, I would like to offer my sincere thanks and deep appreciation to Conference and Host Chair, Kathryn Huggett, Conference Administrator, Amanda Broder, members of the conference planning committee and subcommittees, and the many volunteers for the tremendous time and effort they put into planning this year's conference. I will miss seeing you this spring at our annual conference and hopeful that you will be able to join us for the NEGEA 2021 Annual Conference.

Thank you for your engagement with the NEGEA. The NEGEA will continue its hard work to continue to support our community of educators, and for us to remain connected during these challenging times.

Please stay safe and healthy.

With best wishes to all for better times.

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Janine Shapiro, MD

NEGEA Chair

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Please let us know if you have any questions.

Best,

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