

A PERSONAL LETTER TO ALL TUCSON CONVENTION ATTENDEES AND VENDORS FROM FMCA PRESIDENT, JON WALKER

Dear fellow Tucson convention attendees and vendors:

Sondra and I are in the process of getting ready to drive our motorhome to Tucson to participate in FMCA's 101st International Convention and RV Expo, March 26-29. It will be great to leave the snow and cold weather here in southern Michigan to enjoy the warm and sunny skies of Arizona!

If you are like us, you have seen all the news for the past month or two concerning the new coronavirus (COVID-19). When this started to dominate our daily news updates, we immediately began thinking about our event in Tucson and how it might affect us there.

I can honestly tell you that we have done everything one can do to gather as much accurate, up-to-date information on this virus — and how it might affect our members going to Tucson. We have sought information provided by health officials in Tucson. We have read everything we can from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). We have researched what medical experts know about how we can protect ourselves from this virus.

What we have found is this:

1. No health departments have advised that we cancel the event.
2. All of us should follow the prevention advice from our government and medical experts (read on for more information).

Dr. Peter Lin, a family physician in Toronto, Canada, has created a very good, short video that explains all about this virus and what we should do for prevention. [Click here to view the video.](#)

[Click here](#) to reach the update/summary page from the CDC, so you can keep up with the latest medical information provided by this U.S. government agency. And [click here](#) to connect to the update page hosted by the Arizona Department of Health Services.

And, finally, below is a list of common-sense practices we should follow to help prevent being infected by this particular type of virus and others as well.

In summary, Sondra and I are going to Tucson, and we expect to have a great convention. All that will change is that we may not want to hug and shake hands with one another like we normally do. But we will be elbow tapping and dancing around in excitement with our FMCA friends and attendees! We plan to have plenty of hand sanitizer at all our gathering places. We can do all this while following the guidelines below, and while remembering, it STILL is all about having fun!!



HEALTH GUIDELINES

To make sure you are protecting yourself here at our Tucson convention, and wherever you go, we have listed below some good personal health habits to follow to prevent the spread of COVID-19 or any germ-related illness, such as the flu:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick. And if you are sick, stay in your RV to prevent spreading any illness you might have.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If a tissue is not available, cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe. We will have hand sanitizer available in our gathering places, but it will be helpful if you carry your own hand sanitizer with you and use it frequently.

If you become ill at our rally, contact our safety or security team as well as a local health-care provider (named in your program booklet); let them know your symptoms; and follow their instructions.