

SBM 2020

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is the 2020 Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions cancelled?

The leadership of the Society, together with the executive director, closely monitored the COVID-19 outbreak, including the pandemic declaration by the World Health Organization (WHO) on March 11, 2020; also taking into account the directives by local health departments and the many travel restrictions placed by institutions on our attendees. After weighing all these factors, as well as our responsibilities to our attendees, the community of San Francisco and the many local communities attendees would return to, we determined that it is not possible to conduct our Annual Meeting in San Francisco and therefore made the extremely difficult, but needed decision, to cancel the meeting. We did not take this decision lightly, since the Annual Meeting is for many the highlight of the year. However, the rapidly escalating situation and our responsibility to protect the health of our members compelled us to act.

Will the 2020 Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions be postponed until a later date or rescheduled?

The planning for the Annual Meeting starts years in advance. The meeting at its current size takes great coordination from the host hotel to the city itself to plan. As such, rescheduling is not an option. We look forward to the 2021 Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida next April.

How will SBM handle registration refunds?

If you registered for this year's Annual Meeting, your registration will be cancelled and your registration fee will be refunded in full in the coming weeks.

Am I still entitled to my SBM travel award?

Student Travel Award recipients will receive their travel awards. SBM encourages recipients to use any ticket rebooking options to book their 2021 Annual Meeting travel, as they will be recognized at the meeting in Orlando, Florida.

Will attendees be refunded for hotel costs?

If you made a hotel reservation, you must contact the hotel directly at least 72 hours prior to your scheduled check-in in order to avoid fees. You can reach the Hilton San Francisco Union Square at (415) 771-1400.

Will attendees be refunded for airline tickets?

SBM we will not refund individual airline ticket costs. If you haven't already, please contact your airline directly regarding cancelling your ticket.

Will any sessions be made available virtually?

The Program Committee is exploring virtual options. Any updates will be posted on the Annual Meeting [website](#).

What happens if I submitted an abstract?

All accepted abstracts will be published in this year's *Annals of Behavioral Medicine* abstract supplement. Additionally, the abstracts are accessible via the Annual Meeting [online planner](#) and mobile app. You can download the free 2020 Annual Meeting mobile app by searching "SBM Events" in your app store.