



August 17, 2021

Dear ASCE Institute, Region, Section, Branch, Younger Member and Student Leaders:

As you know, in our previous memo to Sections and Branches, we encouraged the use of virtual alternatives for all activities through Labor Day. Unfortunately, the advent of the Delta variant has resulted in a significant increase in the number of covid cases with more than two-thirds of all counties in the U.S. reporting high levels of community transmission.

Again, recognizing our professional and ethical responsibility to protect the health and safety of our members and the public at large, ASCE does not believe the current circumstances allow for a relaxation of our existing guidance. Accordingly, all ASCE entities are **encouraged to pursue alternate options, such as the use of virtual platforms, for all meetings and events for the remainder of the calendar year (until Monday, January 3, 2022)**.

As noted in our previous guidance, decisions to conduct in-person events should be made only after a thorough consideration of how critical in-person involvement is to attain the desired objectives, and the ability to observe all recommended safety protocols and procedures. This of course includes strict compliance with all applicable state and local requirements for gatherings and events as well as current guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control.

Note that ASCE staff business travel also remains restricted through the end of the year.

We again thank you for your continued diligence in leading our Society and we appreciate the hard-work and resilience you have exhibited in meeting the challenges of these past many months.

Best regards,

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