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We at RavenCon have been carefully following the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and are carefully reviewing all possible options. We are constantly monitoring the situation and have discussed our options with local medical professionals, the Virginia Department of Health, the Peninsula Health District, Hilton, and our fellow convention runners. **At this time we have no plans to cancel or postpone RavenCon 15, scheduled for April 24-26, 2020.**

We have confirmed that the DoubleTree by Hilton Williamsburg will be increasing the frequency of cleaning public areas, providing hand sanitizer, and will be following all Hilton procedures regarding the situation.

RavenCon will also have sanitizer stations set up throughout the convention. High-traffic areas will be disinfected regularly. Items that will be handled frequently (game controllers, microphones, etc.) will be disinfected regularly. Gloves and hand sanitizer will be used by all of our staff in high-contact areas (Con Suite, Registration, etc.). We will run a DIY Hand Sanitizer Workshop as well as a panel on the history of U.S. epidemics and how to prepare for them. Prior to the convention, we will be creating the new post of Sanitation Director to supervise all of these procedures at the event.

As always, we will have our usual health safety posters clearly displayed around the convention as well as new posters that we have acquired from the CDC. These posters will remind attendees to wash and disinfect their hands regularly and to cover their mouths when sneezing or coughing. We trust our attendees to use their best judgement when it comes to taking care of themselves. If you are in a high-risk demographic (older adults and people with chronic medical conditions) we ask you to take extra precautions.

Between RavenCon's Science Track and our staff we have two biologists, a doctor, a nurse practitioner, and an EMT that will all be at the convention and will be reviewing our safety procedures for us. We will be consulting with them regularly to ensure that we are handling this event as seriously as possible.

The safety of our attendees, guests, exhibitors, and staff are foremost in our minds at this time. We will be monitoring the situation regarding COVID-19 in the state of Virginia and will re-evaluate our plans if there are any significant changes. Please check our website (www.RavenCon.com) and follow us on social media for any future updates.

As always, the staff of RavenCon is hard at work right now to make sure that this year's convention will be fun, exciting, and safe. We look forward to seeing everyone in April.

*RavenCon 15 will be held April 24-26, 2020 at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 50 Kingsmill Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185.
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