

FAQs: Legislative Conference 2021 Moving to All-Virtual Experience

ACC's Legislative Conference 2021, scheduled for Oct. 3-5, is moving to an all-virtual experience. With the continued surge of COVID-19 across the U.S. and new travel restrictions being imposed by some health care institutions, the difficult decision was made to move the live portion of the meeting to the virtual stage.

Registration, Hotel & Transportation Questions

- **Do I need to cancel my hotel?**
Attendees who booked at the Hyatt Regency will have their reservation automatically canceled by the ACC. Attendees who did not book at the Hyatt Regency must contact their hotel/lodging directly to cancel reservations and are responsible for any associated fees from hotels.
- **How should I handle canceling flights and other modes of transportation I already secured?**
Flights that were booked through ACC's Direct Travel system will be automatically canceled and will result in a credit good for one year. For other flights, please contact your airline or transportation provider directly regarding ticket cancellations. If you purchased travel insurance, please contact your provider for information and next steps.
- **Will ACC refund me for any cancellation fees for my flight or other transportation?**
The ACC will not refund cancellation fees. All attendees were urged to purchase personal travel insurance during the registration process.

General Questions

- **Why is the Legislative Conference Moving to Virtual?**
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While we are saddened that we will need to wait another year before seeing everyone in person, the virtual conference will continue as planned, complete with opportunities to hear from ACC leaders, staff and other experts on health policy issues impacting the profession. Planning for virtual congressional visits was already underway given ongoing U.S. Capitol restrictions, and those visits will continue as planned on Oct. 5. The ACC HeartPAC event featuring Olympic gymnast Dominique Dawes will also take place, with additional details on the virtual program coming soon.

We look forward to an anticipated return to our live meeting in fall 2022.

- **Will the Legislative Conference agenda change from what is currently posted?**
The Legislative Conference 2021 will take place as scheduled from Oct. 3-5. While specific times for educational programs and events may change to accommodate different time zones, the agenda itself is not expected to change. More details will be forthcoming as soon as possible. All

congressional meetings were already scheduled to take place virtually on Tuesday, Oct. 5, and these will continue as planned. Learn more at [ACC.org/LegislativeConference](https://acc.org/LegislativeConference).

- **I purchased tickets to the HeartPAC event on Sunday. Will that still be happening?**

Yes! The ACC HeartPAC event featuring Olympic gymnast Dominique Dawes will take place as planned, but virtually. More information on the virtual event will be communicated in the coming days. Registration is still open! Learn more about the HeartPAC and the special HeartPAC event at HeartPAC.org or by emailing Meg Novak (mnovak@acc.org).

- **Will congressional meetings still take place on Tuesday, Oct. 5, virtually as planned?**

Yes! Due to restrictions on Capitol Hill, all congressional meetings were already planned to occur virtually on Oct. 5. Nothing related to the congressional meetings has changed with the transition of the rest of the conference to a virtual format. For more information visit [ACC.org/LegislativeConference](https://acc.org/LegislativeConference).

- **Does this decision affect or reflect decisions planned for other in-person ACC meetings scheduled during Legislative Conference?**

Yes. All ancillary meetings, including the Board of Governors meetings, will now be held virtually. No in-person meetings will take place. ACC leaders and staff are working to finalize the details and will be communicating with affected members directly.