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Dear SCA Partner,

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States, the safety of SCA members has been paramount in our organization's response and decision-making. As the pandemic continues to evolve and unfold in 2021, the SCA strives to update our management strategy with an effective and relevant policy framework. On the Partner Resources page, please find our national COVID-19 Management Plan that outlines management policies and guidelines, and associated local program protocols, operational, and emergency plans.

The SCA monitors CDC, state departments of health, and local public health departments for continued and updated guidance. As the country enters a new phase in the COVID pandemic with widespread vaccinations, our policy framework continues to be informed by and remain consistent with CDC guidance.

Mitigating the risks associated with COVID-19 is a shared responsibility between the SCA and you, our partner agency(ies). While we provide our policy framework for transparency and compliance related reasons, we also ask for mutual cooperation, collaboration, and communication to help protect our members, staff, and the local communities in which we serve. These considerations include:

- Establishing and monitoring safe service/work sites, including regulating the use of face masks by personnel and visitors, ensuring physical distancing precautions are followed, and that regular sanitation and disinfection of sites, equipment, accommodations, and facilities occurs.
- Providing flexibility and opportunity for alternative work/service which may include remote work/service, delayed starts, and flexible timetables.
- Logistical and information flow as related to emergency planning such as isolation, quarantine, and contact-tracing.
- Provision of protective measures such as masks, face shields, gloves, sanitizer, and tests.
- Recognition of SCA's duty of care to our members, including expectations around the sharing of information regarding health screenings, test results, possible exposures, and ability to contact trace.

Please contact the SCA Program Manager who supports the SCA position(s) with which you work regarding the aforementioned considerations and our policies and guidelines as related to specific projects and positions. Preventing and minimizing the effects of illness and its transmission remains a central, nation-wide goal of which we each play a part.

Sincerely,

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