



March 7, 2020

Dear CBDNA Colleagues,

We regret to inform you that the administration at the University of Puget Sound has stated we must cancel our divisional conference. The first known case of COVID-19 in Pierce County (Tacoma) was reported Friday (3/6) evening and today (3/7) the university leadership has made the official decision to cancel all planned events, including our March 18-21 conference.

Our Divisions' Treasurer, Tom Rohrer, is in the process of looking into refunding registration and Intercollegiate Band fees—we will be in touch soon with more information. Regarding your accommodations, we recommend each of you handling the cancelation of your hotel reservations, whether it is the conference hotel (Hotel Murano), Courtyard Tacoma, or another local establishment.

Deep gratitude is extended to Gerard Morris, Director of Bands at Puget Sound, who has worked tirelessly to plan for this conference and is most certainly disappointed with this outcome.

We are also extremely grateful to the ensembles, conductors, presenters, and clinicians who put in countless hours to prepare for the conference. We hope this decision will help keep our communities safe and diffuse the worry and concern I am sure many of you were facing at the prospect of traveling to Washington State at this time.

All the best for a productive conclusion to your terms—stay healthy everyone!

Sincerely,

Emily Moss, President, Western Division  
Diane Soelberg, President, Northwestern Division