

# A Message from the President

## CSNO 2021 Conference Going VIRTUAL!

Dear CSNO Members:

We hope that you and yours are staying healthy and staying safe! As we are poised to start the 2020-2021 school year there are many new challenges to consider. I want to thank every school nurse in California for the extra time that each of you has already spent on helping our students and staff begin this unique back to school process. You have already created safety plans, become epidemiological experts and helped to soothe wary employees and families. And, all while, most of our districts are not even in session yet. It will be a long year; please know that CSNO is here to support you in any and every way we can.

As part of our efforts to support our members, CSNO leadership listened and continues to listen to your concerns regarding the impact of the COVID-19 crisis. Our goal is to bring our members together without risking health and safety. As such, **the CSNO Board of Directors has recently voted to change 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference, scheduled February 4-7, 2021, from an in person conference to a virtual event.** There are many benefits to a virtual conference. To name a few...

- No travel costs may result in more members being able to attend.
- The event will "live on" while a physical conference lasts for a few days; the virtual conference recordings will be available to attendees on demand following the initial conference.
- As a result of the above, attendees will be able to attend ALL breakouts in the end and... at your leisure.
- Attendees may continue to view presentations, access sponsors and more through the conference app.
- Block out calendars and watch the conference in a relaxing, comfortable environment.

### **For those who are interested in presenting, CSNO has extended the Call for Presentations window to Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.**

If you are interested in presenting in the new virtual environment, with zero travel costs involved and **with a commitment to the following requirements** and... you haven't yet submitted a proposal, please complete the **Call for Presentations** prior to the extended deadline. Be sure to share this opportunity with your professional colleagues, community agencies, and local health care providers so that our membership has an opportunity to learn from a wide variety of experts on diverse topics.

#### **VIRTUAL REQUIREMENTS**

- A reliable internet connection (minimum 10 mbps up & down and, ideally, an Ethernet/wired connection rather than WIFI but not required); **IMPORTANT: Go to [speedtest.net](https://www.speedtest.net)** and click on "GO" to check your internet speed
- The ability to present virtually (desk or laptop with camera and microphone, ideally using a earbuds or a headset of some kind)
- A private space that will not be subject to background noise during your presentation

### **Please share this VIRTUAL conference news with your colleagues and peers.**

Every cloud has a silver lining, so they say, and perhaps the fact that this virtual platform will allow more CSNO members to grow professionally is just that.

We'll be providing additional details on the conference including a virtual schedule, fees and more in October. Check the website periodically for updates as well.

We look forward to being with you VIRTUALLY in February!

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