At this moment, there are over 4,500 confirmed cases in the United States of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) which have led to over 80 fatalities. 33 states have closed all public schools with the United States now in a formal state of emergency.

Based on the guidance being issued by the White House, the World Health Organization and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) supports the initiative by local Ukrainian American organizations to postpone community events and activities indefinitely, or else move to have these online. The health and well-being of our Ukrainian American community is and should always be a priority for our community’s leadership.

The following are some announcements forwarded to UCCA regarding the Ukrainian American community:

Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA

- ALL liturgical worship services, except for Sunday Divine Liturgy, must be suspended until further notice
• All scheduled parish visitations throughout this pandemic have been canceled
• Practical Guidance: Prayers and Protective Measures in Times of CORONAVIRUS Epidemic

Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia

• League of Ukrainian Catholics Lenten Retreat Canceled (Sloatsburg, NY)
• Coronavirus: Commentary of His Beatitude Sviatoslav
• Metropolitan-Archbishop Borys Gudziak about the coronavirus pandemic
• Coronavirus – dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Divine Liturgy

Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Stamford

• Hygienic Measures During the Coronavirus Outbreak

Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saint Nicholas (Chicago, IL)

• Послання Преосвященнішого Владики Кир Венедикта
• Letter from Bishop Benedict regarding the Coronavirus pandemic COVID-19

St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church (Tucson AZ)

• Preliminary Response to the Coronavirus and Covid -19 in St. Michael's Parish

St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Seminary (South Bound Brook, NJ)

• All in-person classes canceled

Українська Шкільна Рада При УККА Централя Шкіл Українознавства в США

• До членів керівних органів шкільної ради, педагогічних дорадників, директорів, учителів та голів опікунчих установ шкіл українознавства, батьків і учнів

Ukrainian American Youth Association (UAYA) - CYM USA

• Майбутні семінари та коронавірус
UMANA Illinois Branch Meeting canceled

**Manor College** (Jenkintown, PA)
- Temporary School Closing

**Soyuzivka Heritage Center** (Kerhonkson, NY)
- 2020 Catskill Pysanka Workshop canceled

**St. George Academy** (New York City)
- Temporary School Closing
- 2020 Heritage Night Canceled

**Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization - USA**
- Повідомлення КПС США

**Shevchenko Scientific Society in the US** (New York City)
- COVID-19 Related Closure

**The Ukrainian History and Education Center** (Somerset, NJ)
- UHEC COVID-19 response
- Nashi Predky 2020 Spring Conference Moved Online!

**Dnipro Ukrainian Cultural Center** (Buffalo, NY)
- Cultural Center bar and kitchen closed until further notice

**House of Ukraine** (San Diego, CA)
- Closed until further notice

**Annual Pysanka Festival** (Los Angeles, CA)
- 2020 Festival Cancelled

**Ukrainian Heritage Day at NJ Devils** (Newark, NJ)
- 2020 Event POSTPONED as NHL pauses regular season

**Ukrainian National Women’s League of America**
The Ukrainian Museum (New York City)

- [COVID-19 update](#) - The Ukrainian Museum is closing its galleries and discontinuing all programs

Ukrainian Institute of America (New York City)

- [Temporarily closed](#)

The Ukrainian National Museum (Chicago, IL)

- [UNM Temporarily Suspending Operations Due to COVID-19](#) (coronavirus)

Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center (Jenkintown, PA)

- [UECC closed – Easter Bazaar cancelled](#)

Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute (Cambridge, MA)

- [All upcoming events canceled](#)

Suma Federal Credit Union (Yonkers, NY)

- [Annual Meeting postponed](#)

Self Reliance NY Federal Credit Union (New York City)

- [Annual Meeting cancelled](#)

Ukrainian National Federal Credit Union (New York City)

- [Annual Meeting postponed](#)

Cleveland Selfreliance Federal Credit Union (Parma, OH)

- [Annual Meeting rescheduled](#)

Ukrainian Selfreliance Federal Credit Union (New Jersey)

- [Annual Meeting postponed](#)

Nova UA Federal Credit Union (Clifton, NJ)

- [Update on Coronavirus](#)
Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, Ukraine will close entrance for all foreigners for two weeks. Foreign citizens who have Ukraine residence permits (temporary or permanent) will be allowed to enter.

Measures will enter into force at 12 a.m. on March 16th (midnight from Sunday, March 15th to Monday, March 16th) and will last for two weeks, until 12 a.m. April 3rd (Kyiv time). They may be prolonged or cancelled after the end of this period, depending on the situation with the global spread of COVID-19.
According to the CDC (coronavirus.gov), the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.
Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

- If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- Avoid in-person gatherings to minimize and hopefully prevent the spread of the virus.

Furthermore, some people are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. This includes individuals in their older years and people who have serious chronic medical conditions.

UCCA calls upon our community to check in with phone calls to our elderly and homebound members, and assist, when possible, with simple services such as groceries and pharmacy runs. This pandemic risks isolating people. Healthy adults can do their part to mitigate the loneliness of the older population by introducing them to technology such as FaceTime, WhatsApp or Skype, and practicing good hand hygiene habits when they visit those that are homebound.

UCCA further urges our community leaders to heed the best advice of local government officials and public health authorities with regards to events already scheduled to take place during these are difficult times. Our primary concern is the safety and health of our Ukrainian American community. We urge you to stay healthy and do whatever you can to help one another.
**WHAT IS UCCA?**

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) is a non-profit, non-partisan community-based organization that has represented the interests of Ukrainians in the United States since 1940.

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