



## Coronavirus Update

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Dear AMGA Students and Instructor Team,

The situation surrounding the Coronavirus pandemic continues to evolve rapidly. On March 12, the CDC updated the [COVID-19 Situation Summary](#) for the United States to reflect the status of the Coronavirus outbreak as a pandemic. On March 13, President Donald Trump declared a national emergency. By March 15, AMGA made the decision to cancel all in-process and remaining Mountain Guide Programs for the month of March.

In the last 72 hours, additional restrictions have been put in place around the country including “shelter in place” orders and the closure of non-essential services. It is becoming increasingly possible that resources our courses could depend upon may become strained or unavailable.

**The safety of our students, instructors, and the entire AMGA community is our first priority.** Based on the information available to us at this time, we believe the best way for us to ensure the safety of our community is to **cancel all AMGA Mountain Guide Programs scheduled to begin in March and April.**

This includes:

- **S7 SGC 20**, Ski Guide Course, Stanley, March 10 - 29
- **S8 SGE 20**, Ski Guide Exam, Pemberton, March 17 - 24
- **S13 ASGC 20**, Advanced Ski Guide Course, North Cascades, March 16-25
- **R2 RGC 20**, Rock Guide Course, Red Rock, March 17-26
- **S9 SGC 20**, Ski Guide Course, Red Mountain Pass, March 24 - April 2
- **R3 ARGC 20**, Advanced Rock Guide Course, Red Rock, March 29 - April 5
- **S10 SGE 20**, Ski Guide Exam, Valdez, AK, April 2 - 9
- **R4 RGC 20**, Rock Guide Course, Smith, Rock, April 7 - 16
- **A1 AGC 20**, Alpine Guide Course, Boulder/Estes, April 7 -15
- **R5 RGE 20**, Rock Guide Exam, Red Rock, April 8 - 13
- **S11 ASGC 20**, Advanced Ski Guide Course, Valdez, April 12 - 21
- **R6 ARGC 20**, Advanced Rock Guide Course, April 20 - 29
- **R7 RGC 20**, Rock Guide Course, Gunks, April 20 - 29
- **S12 ASGC 20**, Advanced SKi Guide Course, North Cascades, April 21 - 30

The decision to cancel programs has been difficult and we understand the cancellations will pose challenges for all of us. We are available to assist you as you determine the next steps for your situation. As you are considering your AMGA coursework going forward, we can offer two options for you to consider:

**Option 1: Course/Exam Deferment:** You can defer your participation in an AMGA course/exam until a later date and receive priority enrollment in the course/exam of your choosing. You will not need to reapply or repay an application fee. Just let us know the course/exam you would like to attend and we will transfer your enrollment.

Here is a brief outline of the process:

- Contact the AMGA office to let us know which program you would like to participate

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- If you would like to participate in a Fall 2020 program, please email [jesse@amga.com](mailto:jesse@amga.com) before April 17th, 2020.
- If you would like to participate in a 2021 program, please notify the office before the application deadline occurs for that program.
- You will receive priority enrollment and no new application or application fee will be required.
- You will not be required to pay any tuition increases that may occur between calendar years (for the equivalent course or exam).
- The AMGA office will transfer all of your materials over to the new program.
- The deferment may only be used one time. Once you transfer your enrollment to a future course/exam, the regular cancellation policies will apply.

**Option 2: Tuition Refund:** If you would prefer to withdraw entirely from your AMGA program, we will provide you with a full refund of your tuition fee. Please note, if you receive a refund and then decide to enroll in a future program, you will need to reapply for the program and repay the application fee.

**There is no rush on your decision and we will continue to follow up accordingly.**

Please contact us if you have questions about the cancellation of your program, your options going forward, and how we can be of assistance to you. The safety of the AMGA community is our top priority and we are here to support you during this challenging time. Please take good care of yourselves, your family and friends, and community.

Sincerely,  
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