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Illinois Leadership Seminars Response to COVID-19

Like many of you, we at Illinois Leadership Seminars have been monitoring the constant flow of information concerning the COVID-19 virus. The landscape seems to change by the minute as new inputs are being received from the World Health Organization, the CDC, Federal, State and local municipalities, school administrations and concerned parents.

The Illinois Leadership Seminar Corporate Board and Seminar Planning Committee want to keep you informed on our decisions during the ever-changing COVID-19 pandemic.

As always, the health and safety of our leaders, volunteers, staff, and alumni remains our paramount concern. With this in mind, we postponed our ILS Flagship Seminar planned for June 2020 and will now be hosting a virtual Seminar in June 2021 for both sophomore and junior high school students.

We plan to stay strong in our mission through these uncharted times while also looking out for the safety of our alumni and future leaders of this country. Now more than ever is the time to lean on your ILS family, stay engaged, and keep an eye out for more announcements. We will come out of this stronger together!

Thank you for your patience and support.

For more information on COVID-19 updates and guidelines, please visit the following sites:

www.CDC.gov

www.who.int

<https://www.ed.gov/coronavirus>

If you have further questions about how our organization is handling our events, please read our FAQs on the following pages or reach out to our co-presidents, Angela Jos and Keith Donovan, by emailing president@illinoisleadershipseminars.org.



Seminar 2020 Postponement FAQ

Leaders and leaders' guardian(s)

- Is anything replacing Seminar 2020?
 - We are currently evaluating options to provide digital content to leaders. If we do, we will absolutely extend the invitation to you for you to join us.
- I'm not able to attend in 2021, but I still really want to learn more about/get involved with ILS. How can I do that?
 - ILS hosts other events and has a very active alumni organization that you are invited to join. If you are unable to join us at Seminar 2021 but would like to be involved in our organization please let our Recruitment Director, at recruitment@illinoisleadershipseminars.org, know. Also, check us out on social media at the links below:
 - Facebook: [@IllinoisLeadershipSeminars](https://www.facebook.com/IllinoisLeadershipSeminars)
 - Instagram: [@ilseminars](https://www.instagram.com/ilseminars)
 - Twitter: [@ILSeminars](https://twitter.com/ILSeminars)
- I registered for Seminar 2020. Do I need to do anything else?
 - Not at this time. Once a Seminar 2021 date is selected, you **will** have to confirm your attendance by completing a registration form. More information will be provided by our Recruitment Director, Samantha Kiluk, at that time. If you have any questions please contact her at: recruitment@illinoisleadershipseminars.org.
- Will leaders nominated for Seminar 2020 have to pay to attend Seminar 2021?
 - As part of our commitment to grow the leadership potential of Illinois, we will continue to offer our Seminar at no cost to any leader, regardless of nomination year or how the seminar is hosted.

Nominators

- What will happen to the leader I nominated for Seminar 2020?
 - Your leader will be contacted when a date for Seminar 2021 is selected and they will be asked if they can still attend. If they still can, they will just need to register.
- Will I need to nominate a new student for 2021?
 - Yes, next year we will be asking you to nominate a sophomore student as usual. If you have not yet nominated a sophomore this year, next year you will be asked to nominate a junior student as well.
- Who will I be working with throughout this process of ensuring that I have two leaders nominated for Seminar 2021?
 - Please work with our Recruitment Director, Samantha Kiluk. She can be contacted at recruitment@illinoisleadershipseminars.org and is willing to help answer any questions or concerns that you have about the process.



General Questions

- What will the organization do with money that has already been raised for this seminar?
 - All funds raised throughout this year will go towards Seminar 2021. The sponsoring of student leaders will also be saved and go toward supporting a Seminar 2021 student.
- Will Seminar 2021 be two separate seminars or one large seminar?
 - The Seminar Planning Committee and the ILS Corporate Board have made the decision to host a combined virtual seminar with both sophomores and juniors in attendance to create the best experience for both leaders and staff.