It's been an interesting couple of weeks to say the least. Hoping to see a decline in COVID-19 case numbers has turned the other way according to State Health Departments. It's a constant reminder of that this thing is far from over and it appears we'll be living with it well into the foreseeable future.

We are getting information from a variety of sources and using that to determine how to proceed with the planning of our Conference and Show in November. In an effort to determine the best course of action, staff, along with the Board of Directors, created a survey that was sent to each of the different groups that contribute to making our Conference and Show such a success.

Attendees, industry partners and educators all received their own version of this brief survey, which should have arrived in your email boxes earlier this week. I would ask that you if you haven't done so already, please take the time to fill this out so that we have the most accurate reflection of opinions possible. Responses will be accepted until midnight Sunday.

There are many factors at play here; everything from restrictions on travel for university professors to trying to crystal ball what state-imposed restrictions could look like at that time of year. I can tell you the results and comments to date have been interesting.

Like we do every day in our jobs, focus on those things we actually can control and do your best with those things out of our control. Continue to protect your families and your team.

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