BAMP 2020 Holiday Dinner and Housing Excellence Awards Operations Plan

Since our announcement that BAMP was planning to move forward with hosting our Annual Dinner Dance and Housing Excellence Awards on December 4th at the Marriott City Center, some of our members have reached out to ask what arrangements and precautions we would be taking given the restrictions imposed for indoor social gatherings. As such, we want to provide additional information as to how we intend to manage this event for those considering attending.

First and foremost, our approach in hosting this event is guided by data and recommendations from the World Health Organization (WHO), Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and US National Institutes of Health (NIH) as well as current mandates and restrictions announced by the State Department and Allegheny County Departments of Health. We will also comply with all future mandates of the Federal, State and county authorities regarding population limits, food handling, masks, social distancing and contact tracing.

Presently, under current capacity limits, the Marriott has informed us that they are permitted to host an indoor event up to 250 persons in their Grand Ballroom (20% capacity). However, in an abundance of caution, we’ve decided to cap attendance to 130 members and guests in order to further spread out the attendees. We are also capping individual table seating to 6 per table, which normally can accommodate 8 to 10. Food, including hors d’oeuvres, will be served and all employees will be masked. No food displays and salads nor desserts will be pre-set as we’ve done in the past.

Upon arrival, all attendees will be required to go through the contact tracing procedures (temperature taking contact survey) that we have been implementing since the resumption of our networking events. Any person having a temperature of 100.4 or higher or having been exposed to the virus, 14 days prior to the event, will not be admitted. We ask all our guests to wear masks when not eating or drinking and to please follow social distancing protocols of standing 6 feet apart. Dancing will start at the conclusion of the dinner; it’s up to you if you wish to participate. A four-hour open bar is included in the event, which closes at 10 PM.

Needless to say, our plans have been developed based upon the current restrictions; any new announcements or changes by government authorities will result in a reassessment or adjustment, including the cancelation of the event. Of course, if you remain uncomfortable with the implemented safety steps or have underlying the health concerns that should prohibit your attendance, we certainly understand and would not expect or ask you join us for the evening.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to reach out to the staff.