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Dear valued customer,

After careful consideration and comprehensive evaluation of currently available information related to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, the QIAGEN HID Team has made a difficult decision to postpone the Investigator Forum 2020. The event will now take place from April 27 to 29, 2021.

We have been closely monitoring the rapidly increasing domestic and worldwide developments during the last several months related to COVID-19. This evidence-based decision was made after a thorough review and discussion of all factors impacting the meeting, including the U.S. government's enforcement of restrictions on international travelers to enter the U.S., the imposition of travel restrictions issued by U.S. government agencies, and the recommendations provided in CDC. It is clear that all of these elements significantly affect the ability of attendees, speakers and QIAGEN employees to participate fully in this meeting.

The health, safety and security of all QIAGEN customers and employees are our highest priorities. While we believe that the decision to postpone the meeting is absolutely the correct one to safeguard our meeting participants from further potential exposure to the coronavirus, we also understand that this is disappointing for our valued customers. There had been a great deal of excitement about the meeting, with a perfect opportunity for forensic scientists to come together and exchange ideas about the latest technologies and achievements in HID, share experiences and connect with peers from North America.

We thank all of our customers for their patience and support at this time. Please contact Inga Gerard ([inga.gerard@qiagen.com](mailto:inga.gerard@qiagen.com)) for additional information. We will continue working with all of you to prepare for this event and announce the details of the rescheduled meeting at a later date. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to everyone impacted by this global health crisis.

Sincerely,

Your QIAGEN HID Team