Dear valued customer,

The QIAGEN HID Team has made a difficult decision, after careful consideration and comprehensive evaluation of currently available information related to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, to postpone the Investigator Forum 2020, initially scheduled for April 28–30 in Savannah, GA. A rescheduled date and location is being planned for later this year.

We have been closely monitoring the rapidly increasing domestic and worldwide developments during the last several weeks 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 a disappointing one 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) for additional information regarding hotel reservation cancelations, registration refunds and meeting logistics. We will announce the date and location of the rescheduled meeting as soon as they are confirmed. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to everyone impacted by this global health crisis.

Sincerely,

Your QIAGEN HID Team