

Working Through Covid-19

With all of the world still dealing with the coronavirus (Covid-19), I wanted to make sure you know that we are here and we are still saving lives. While we aren't able to do all that normally would in terms of conducting trainings and educational programs, we are developing and updating some of our programs so that when this ends we can be ready to go to help communities. We have updated our National Outreach manual and our SMART Schools and SMART Colleges manuals. At the same time, there has been a lot more that we are doing around public awareness, support and technical assistance. Here's some of what we have been doing:

1. We received an **essential services declaration** allowing us to continue working during Covid-19. To ensure minimizing risk of spreading the virus, we are working staggered shifts and/or working from home.
2. We created a **new public awareness campaign** called "Today I'm Talking To" that will begin widespread dissemination in the Chicago metropolitan area in June and later this year in other markets across the country.
3. We created **Recommendations for Media Reporting on Suicide during a Pandemic** that will be used by journalists around the world.
4. We created a **new video for the construction industry** that will be released later this month nationally.
5. We continue to be at the forefront of helping families, schools, businesses and communities respond to suicides losses. We have provided **grief support and information**, as well as expert advice on talking to children about suicide, helping schools when a teacher has died and offering direct support to families after a loss.
6. We provided **technical expertise to the World Health Organization** on telehealth issues for responding to a suicide crisis remotely.
7. We updated the **Law Enforcement Suicide Prevention Guide** for Facebook and Instagram and began work to create companion Guides for use throughout Latin America.
8. While some of our spring events have been cancelled, we continue to plan our summer and fall events. Our **events** are a fun way to be engaged in suicide prevention, reduce stigma around the topic of suicide, and provide support for families touched by suicide and raise critical funds to support our work.
 - a. We submitted a request for a donation of up to 50 bicycles, helmets, shoes and socks for our Tour de SAVE.
 - b. We are a registered and approved nonprofit for the CNO Marathon in Indianapolis.
 - c. We are looking for donations of auction items and raffle items for our events. We are also collecting items from celebrities and businesses that offer experience packages for a year-end online auction. If you are interested in helping us obtain more items no matter where you live, contact Linda at lmars@save.org.
 - d. To start an event of your own, join a team or want to help us share information about an event, [click here](#).

In the coming weeks we will be providing webinars for technology companies dealing with mental health issues during a crisis and conducting a webinar for service members, families and veterans on dealing with distress and the media during the Covid-19 health crisis.

Please take care of yourself and your families. We will do whatever we can to help you now and after this passes.