

MD20 Lions Leadership Institute

Things to Consider

As EVERYONE knows, this has been a VERY unusual year! The Corona Virus has dramatically affected all our lives and continues to do so. Many events have been canceled, sports teams are playing to empty stadiums, restaurants are doing "Carry-Out Only", travel plans have been canceled and even the USA Canada Forum has been canceled for this year.

The Leadership Institute is no different!

This year's institute is scheduled to occur in conjunction with the second Cabinet Meeting in Binghamton on Thursday, October 22nd through Saturday, October 24th. As of right now, we are planning on holding the Institute however that is contingent upon the virus being held in check and what New York determines is safe.

We will be admitting fewer students this year for a couple of reasons but the maximum we anticipate admitting is 30 and we could even go down to 25 if need be. If you plan on applying to attend the MD20 Lions Leadership Institute this year, I would like you to:

- Apply as early as possible
- Consider your age and health. Many of us fall into the high risk age group and if you have underlying health issues, it may be wise to apply to a future Leadership Institute.
- You may want to consider getting a private room. The standard arrangement is for students to share a room. A private room costs an additional \$230.00, however, if you are attending with a friend or spouse (also a student), we can arrange for you to share a room with that person with no additional fee.
- If you are uncomfortable being around large groups at this time, please wait and apply to a future Leadership Institute.
- If, after applying, you become infected with the virus or are in contact with someone who has been infected, please notify us ASAP and we will withdraw your name from the Institute with no penalties. You are free to apply to a future Institute.
- Be honest with yourself when applying and if there is a compelling reason to avoid close contact with large groups of people, DO NOT APPLY THIS YEAR!

This letter is NOT to frighten you or convince you NOT to apply to the Lions Leadership Institute, but to ask you to evaluate your personal situation and come to a decision that is right for you.

We look forward to this year's Institute and hope to provide a SAFE and Educational experience to each Student, Mentor, and Faculty member.

Dennis Hardy, PDG and Dave Rupright, PDG, Co-Directors