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TO: Global Community Advisory Board Representatives (GCAB)
AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG) Network Colleagues

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SUBJ: ACTG GCAB Community: Response to COVID-19 Pandemic, CAB Site Meetings and
June Annual Meeting

As you know, the COVID-19 pandemic is evolving rapidly, creating a significant public health risk that has disrupted many aspects of daily life worldwide.

First and foremost, your safety is our greatest concern, we want all of you, and your families to take all the appropriate steps and actions needed to ensure your wellbeing.

In response to this situation, which is likely to persist, the ACTG Network Leadership and the GCAB leadership are issuing the following guidance, which we believe will protect the health of our site CAB's participants, the ACTG research community and support the best outcomes for our research program:

- All Site Community Advisory Boards (CABs)
WILL SUSPEND ALL IN-PERSON MEETINGS IMMEDIATELY MOVING FORWARD
- Virtual meetings are encouraged
- Our ACTG June Network Meeting is Postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. At this time, we are determining how to best proceed with this meeting. We will keep you the GCAB reps apprised as to whether we will hold an in-person meeting in the fall 2020 (at the earliest) or hold this meeting virtually. Please do not make any plans to attend the June meeting. At this time, our priority is the safety and health of our site CAB's, Network staff and our trial participants as the situation evolves, we will update you
- Thursday March 26, 2020 GCAB call will cover how sites monthly CAB meeting can take place using virtual technology
- All guidance related to COVID-19 will be posted to the HANC (Office of HIV/AIDS Network Coordination) website which has created a webpage specifically for this purpose: The link currently is available under Announcements on the [HANC home page](#); [the direct link is here](#). We are monitoring the situation closely and will update you as developments dictate.

Thank you for all of your efforts to protect your site CAB participants, the research staff, and yourselves during these extraordinary and unique times.

Stay healthy and safe,

Orbit and Estere