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Good day CANWARN Members,

This email is to regrettably inform you that **we will not be proceeding with in-person CANWARN (severe weather spotting) sessions this year** in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

We spent much of February and early March coordinating with partners and planning sessions. We likely do not need to tell you in detail, that the current COVID-19 situation changed quickly and dramatically; governments at all levels are responding to this crisis and encouraging everyone to do what they can to “flatten the curve” (such as physical distancing). As such, we will not be scheduling group-training sessions in order avoid the spread of the virus.

We do have some capacity for doing online webinar-style sessions. Given the current situation, and resource allocation, preferential consideration for these webinar-style training sessions will be given to those working in emergency management or critical infrastructure, and those with the ability to convene a group of participants (remotely). If you feel this style of training might meet your local safety training requirements, do let us know and we will work with you to organize something.

We are sorry for this disappointing news. We are grateful for your support. You can contact us at ec.canalerteontario-canwarnontario.ec@canada.ca if you have any questions or would like to coordinate a virtual session; someone on our team will triage your request.

Take care and stay safe!

In the meantime, here are some websites that may be of interest to you:

National Weather Service Spotter

Guide: https://www.weather.gov/media/bis/Weather_Spotter_Field_Guide.pdf

National Weather Service Spotter

Glossary: <https://www.weather.gov/oun/spotterglossary>

Environment Canada Lightning Safety:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/lightning/safety.html>

In addition, Environment Canada has a weather app called WeatherCAN available for both Apple and Android devices. This app represents the most direct way to receive our various severe weather watches and warnings. The app can be found in the app store on your Apple or Android device. More information on the app can be found here...

<https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/weather-general-tools-resources/weathercan.html>