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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

2020's first two months began with more worked hours than any same period in L2 history and we anticipated this to be another record setting year of work. Unfortunately, we must account for the now widespread Coronavirus's potential effects.

"South by Southwest", a festival that brings Austin, Texas an economic impact of roughly \$400M is cancelled; Men's and Women's Tennis Open held in Palm Springs, California is cancelled; there's ongoing debate to cancel Coachella Valley Music Festival; NBA Owners are considering playing games in empty arenas; Walt Disney has closed theme parks in China and Japan and worldwide 300 million children are out of school.

This week we lost jobs when "Kraft Foods", "Housewares", "Discover", "Pioneer All Hands", "College Board Dream Deferred", "Ace Hardware", "Abbvie" and "Oracle" all cancelled their scheduled presentations.

Beyond event cancellations, Coronavirus's spread and uncertain health impact has caused stock market panic too. Historically, markets return to more normal levels rather quickly once the event that caused the initial panic subsides. But this is real. It's not a hoax or fake news or politically driven. We're dealing with a virus that while many healthy, youthful people will show no symptoms, less healthy and older people are vulnerable to becoming quite ill or even dying.

The best scientists in the world are collaborating to create an inoculation for us, but for now, prevention is the best medicine.

I recommend you go online and review the "Center for Disease Control and Prevention's" tips for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Some suggestions include:

1. Stock your home with a good amount of less perishable food.
2. Wash your hands often.
3. Don't touch your face unless you've sanitized your hands.
4. Use credit / debit cards and web transactions as opposed to cash if possible.

Above all, don't panic. If you have a job but feel ill, please stay home and contact us to be replaced. If symptoms are serious or if a mild condition worsens then call your doctor. We've seen tough times before but together we'll get through this too.

In Solidarity,

Craig Carlson
Business Manager