

National Association of Government Employees

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Valerie Sullivan Chair, Group Insurance Commission 19 Staniford St. Boston, MA 02368

Dear Commissioner Sullivan,

In light of the recent health concerns in the state of Massachusetts due to COVID-19, or coronavirus, NAGE would like to encourage alternate plans for the GIC Health Fairs scheduled in April 2020. Our members have expressed a great deal of interest in attending the fairs but limiting in-person events seems to be a practical measure to ensure the health and safety of all Commonwealth employees.

NAGE would suggest that the Group Insurance Commission offer virtual meetings or information sessions as an alternative to the in-person events. If you feel that you are unable to cancel the in-person events, we request that you offer a virtual option so that employees who are not comfortable attending due to health concerns are still able to participate. We are willing to assist in any way that we can to ensure these events are safe and well-attended.

We would appreciate a response to this letter and look forward to working with you to ensure the health and safety of our members in preventing the spread of the coronavirus.

Sincerely,

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