

**Dear Bermuda Summit attendee,**

I'm writing with disappointing news as we are forced to postpone the Bermuda Summit due to a very high level of Covid 19 cases on the island.

The CDC has elevated Bermuda's Covid rating to a Level 4, meaning that travel to the island should now be avoided. Additionally, new local restrictions mean that gatherings and movement around the island are hampered, arrival testing results are delayed, and local health facilities are at high levels of capacity, among other challenges. While our program is weeks away, we determined that there are no guarantees for a rapid return to prior low levels of cases by October 11th. Even with Bermuda's documented diligence around keeping Covid at bay, in the end, it proved impossible at this time.

**We are fortunate to offer the following options:**

1. **Switch your registration to the Sedona Summit (11/1-11/3)** – Our Director of Events, Meghan Buonocore, is happy to work with you to switch your registration to Sedona, help select tours, organize your hotel, and answer any questions. She is ready to help! [mbuonocore@designleadershipnetwork.org](mailto:mbuonocore@designleadershipnetwork.org). Learn more about the Sedona Summit [HERE](#). We would love to have you with us in Sedona!
2. **Maintain your Bermuda registration** – We are currently working with our on-island team to confirm the new Bermuda Summit date. We expect to finalize dates within the next few days and are focused on the latter part of March or the latter part of May. The Rosewood Bermuda Hotel and the St. Regis Hotel will be releasing you from your current October reservations without penalty. If you were staying at the Rosewood Bermuda Hotel, please call (441) 298-4000 or (888)767-3966 to cancel your reservation. If you were staying at the St. Regis, the hotel will cancel your reservation on your behalf, so no action is needed.

If you purchased a ticket for the Bermuda Design Leadership Foundation Fundraiser – we are happy to switch you to the Sedona fundraiser on October 31st, refund your money, or donate the sum directly to the DLF.

If you choose to join us in Sedona, we believe it will make our time in Arizona even more special. If you would like to stay the course for Bermuda, we promise an amazing experience on an island that we've grown to love. Plus, we will be able to give more members the opportunity to join us in Bermuda at the new date, including those who attended Sedona. Personally, I can't wait to be together with our community in person because I can't think of a time when comparing notes with colleagues has been more important.

We do ask that you make your decision **by Monday September 27th** to assist with planning. Visit our [FAQ](#) to help answer any questions or connect with Becky Birdwell, Sydney Gemes, and myself to work with you through any decision-making questions. Please feel free to contact any of us.

Best,



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