



STAR COVID-19 Updated Statement

3.12.2020

Dear STAR Members,

We are writing to let you know that STAR has decided to cancel all in-person meetings for staff, Board of Directors, and its members, including any council related events such as the Texas Reuse Tour until further notice.

We reached this decision after closely monitoring the Texas Department of State Health Services guidance as well as the federal and international bodies working directly on measures to contain COVID-19 and the latest from the World Health Organization. The move reflects ongoing efforts to practice “social distancing” recommended by health officials to lessen the chances of spreading COVID-19.

While our STAR council events are the heart of our partnership and learning environment, we want to keep the wellness, safety, and regard of our members and supporters as the main priority.

What are our next steps?

STAR is enabling council groups to host conference calls and video screen sharing to allow for steering committee and general committee meetings. We are working with the Reuse Council, the tour locations and hotel and will reset the Texas Reuse Tour for this summer. We will keep members and attendees apprised of any new developments through email and postings on our website: www.recyclingstar.org

We ask that registered attendees:

Cancel their individual respective hotel reservations to ensure reservations are canceled accurately.

If you have a paid registration, we are offering the following options:

- A transfer to the reset date (once established) for the Texas Reuse Tour; or
- A request for a refund

Please contact jordan.fengel@recyclingstar.org.

These are unparalleled times. We are exceptionally grateful for the support that the STAR Board and supporters have shown while making this decision.

Sincerely,

The STAR Team