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Hello to our members and friends,

We hope that you are well and keeping safe during these difficult times. It is important to follow the guidelines to keep safe from getting the virus.

Since the start of the pandemic, calls to the Association increased by 33%, mostly asking ASEQ to 'do something' about the increased use of chemicals used for cleaning, disinfecting and sanitizing. People were experiencing increased disability and a lack of accessibility to essential services. This included shopping for food and accessing health care.

In order to find out about the impacts of the increased chemical use on people with MCS and also to advocate for healthier but effective cleaners and disinfectants, the idea for the research project was started. We also needed to get this done in a proper manner so that future events would take MCS into account when designing protective health measures.

As most of you may have seen, we released the survey for our research project, titled 'Impacts of COVID-19 Health Measures on People with Multiple Chemical Sensitivity' and we encourage those of you who have not participated, to please fill the survey. [The survey can be found on our website](#). Please share it with other people who have Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS). If you have any kind of difficulty accessing or filling the survey, please contact us and we will be pleased to help you.

The project is being done in collaboration with clinicians from the Environmental Health Clinic, Women's College Hospital, Toronto and other doctors and researchers. Ethics approval has been received from the University of Toronto for this research. To know more about the project, please visit our website at: <https://aseq-ehaq.ca/en/projects/mcs-covid-19/>



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We are also pleased to announce that our Annual General Meeting will be held via Zoom on March 20, 2021, from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. Please mark the date on your calendar, however, also note that there could be a change due to the audit of our books and the uncertainty due to COVID-19. We will keep in touch with you.

Take care everyone and be well.

Rohini Peris, President

Michel Gaudet, Executive Director