



2020 Joint Meeting of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists

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2020 JMIH Annual Meeting in Norfolk

At this time, no federal restrictions are in place to prevent meetings and travel within the United States, including in **NORFOLK, VA. 2020 Joint Meeting of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists** will take place as planned on **JULY 22-26, 2020** at **NORFOLK WATERSIDE MARRIOTT**.

JMIH is taking precautions to ensure the health of all event participants and we are consulting the latest guidance from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](https://www.cdc.gov) and [Virginia public health authorities](https://www.vdh.virginia.gov). With the situation evolving rapidly, we also encourage **JMIH 2020** participants, vendors and staff to consult these sources as they prepare for the event.

JMIH is working with the Norfolk Waterside Marriott to stay on top of this. The Norfolk Waterside Marriott is following the guidelines of global and local health authorities and taking relevant health and safety measures. The cleaning products and chemicals specified by Marriott International are disinfectant cleaning products that have demonstrated effectiveness against viruses. They have daily cleaning procedures for all parts of the hotel that address general cleanliness and disinfection and continue to raise awareness about common-sense practices such as frequent hand-washing. Additionally, they are increasing the frequency of cleaning common spaces and supplying additional hand sanitizer stations in public areas.

This important Annual Joint Meeting of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists (JMIH) is an educational and research forum. The meeting includes many symposia, poster sessions, special programs and workshops, as well as hundreds of contributed papers topical sessions. Each day includes events for networking.

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