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# Announcement of the Snowmass Delay Guidelines

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Dear members of the Snowmass community,

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Snowmass Report and the Community Summer Study meeting (CSS) will be delayed by one year until 2022. The overall schedule for the Snowmass process will be adjusted accordingly. After extensive consultation with our community and the frontier conveners/advisors, the Snowmass Steering Group recommends the following general guidelines for the implementation of the Snowmass delay:

- High-level activities will be on hold until the end of June, 2021.  
These activities include Frontier-level and Topical Group-level workshops, All-conveners meetings, Advisory Group meetings and Newsletters.
- Other Topical Group and cross-frontier activities should be either paused or reduced to a significantly lower level, proceeding only as necessary to ensure scientific continuity, meet essential programmatic needs, or maintain collaborative work with other units and communities.
  - No critical decisions will be made during the hiatus.
  - No individuals should feel obligated to participate in these activities.
- Individual, collaborative and self-organized work can continue at the discretion of the individuals involved.

All paused individual or group activities will continue to receive full consideration once the Snowmass process formally resumes.

With respect to the timelines:

- White Paper submission to arXiv: no later than March 15, 2022.  
Late submissions and updates are likely not to be incorporated in the working group reports, but will be included in the Snowmass on-line archive documents.
- Preliminary reports by the Topical Groups due: no later than May 31, 2022.
- Preliminary reports by the Frontiers due: no later than June 30, 2022.
- Snowmass Community Summer Study (CSS): July, 2022 at UW-Seattle.
- All final reports by TGs and Frontiers due: no later than September 30, 2022.
- Snowmass Book and the on-line archive documents due: October 31, 2022.

Additional remarks on the plans of the individual frontiers can be found in the Snowmass Newsletter of January 2021 on the [Snowmass wiki page](#). The Snowmass Steering Group will continue to monitor the process.

We thank you for participating in the Snowmass activities!

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