

COVID-19: Survival and Revival

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About this Session: This week we will be joined by two individuals who bring the perspective of airport governing bodies and policy makers dealing with the challenge of COVID-19. They will discuss how they, public airport policymakers, are addressing the massive impacts at the airports they operate, and what policy decisions and actions are needed to ensure airports and concessionaires can survive and recover.

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