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## PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

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### Deadlines and Ground Rules for Rally for Medical Research Virtual Hill Day Participation

- The registration deadline is **Monday, August 24, 2020**. If a registered participant is no longer able to attend, we request that you notify us at [info@rallyformedicalresearch.org](mailto:info@rallyformedicalresearch.org) no later than **Monday, September 7, 2020** if possible, so that we can make the necessary adjustments to the schedules and meetings.
- Participants will be meeting **by phone** with Senators and Representatives (or their staff) from their home state and district. Participants should plan to be available for meetings in the following ranges, depending on your time zone:
  - Eastern: 9:30 am – 5:30 pm EDT
  - Central: 9:30 am – 4:30 pm CDT
  - Mountain: 9:30 am – 3:30 pm MDT
  - Pacific: 9:30 am – 2:30 pm PDT
- Unless otherwise requested, participants will be placed into groups reflecting the spectrum of medical research stakeholders (researchers, survivors, patient advocates, clinicians) and grouped according to state.
- Due to the number of different organizations participating and number of total individuals registered for the Hill Day, an outside firm (Soapbox) will set up the phone meetings and assist in establishing the meeting groups. Please do not contact any legislative office directly regarding your appointments unless you have discussed this with the Rally organizers. As a participant, you will receive a preliminary schedule by email on Friday, Sept. 11, and your final schedule will be available the day before the Hill day (Sept. 16).
- If you have any questions or concerns about your meetings, or if you have strong relationships with House and Senate offices that would be helpful during the scheduling process, please contact Brandon Leonard, AACR Associate Director of Congressional Relations, at [brandon.leonard@aacr.org](mailto:brandon.leonard@aacr.org). You can also note these relationships in the online registration form. We welcome such partnerships when setting up the meetings, as it is helpful when the outreach to offices is coordinated.