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Acupuncture Society of Virginia – Summer Update

After an unusual 2021 Legislative Session, which technically was a regular Legislative Session followed immediately by a Special Session, we will begin another special session on August 2nd. This particular Special Session will be focused on allocating the \$4.3 billion in federal assistance from the [American Rescue Plan](#). Governor Northam’s proposal fits within the specified guidelines to help states respond to acute pandemic-response needs, fill revenue shortfalls, and support communities that COVID-19 hit hardest. Some of the [Governor’s priorities](#) include upgrading public health services, aid to small businesses through the Rebuild Virginia plan, upgrading school facilities, upgrading the Virginia Employment Commission to better serve Virginians, and expanding broadband across the Commonwealth.

The 2022 Legislative Session will likely be a hybrid of virtual and in-person, it should not be completely virtual, as it was in the 2021 session. There may, however, be continued challenges in accessing legislators. Therefore, ASVA is planning an ASVA Legislative Lobby Day. This will allow a united message from ASVA to the legislators, and will be a great opportunity for education. While we do not anticipate introducing specific legislation, we also do not know other legislation might be proposed. Building relationships with your legislators is an imperative aspect of civic engagement. We want members of ASVA to be the “go to” source whenever legislators have questions about acupuncture and small businesses. ASVA will keep you informed as our planning progresses.

Stay well,

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