



PRESS RELEASE: June 22, 2020

Dallas, PA – The Luzerne County Fair Committee is officially announcing the cancellation of the 2020 Luzerne County Fair which was scheduled to be held September 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> 2020.

While we all crave a return to a sense of normalcy, we must take into consideration the effects social gatherings will have on our communities. COVID-19 has taken a significant toll on all of us.

The Luzerne County Fair Committee has had many long and realistic conversations about opening, gathering facts, and seeking advice from industry experts. The decision was not taken lightly, weighing the pros and cons along the way. We have reviewed the advice from the Governor's office, PA Dept of Health, PA State Association of County Fairs, International Association of Fairs and Expos & the PA Department of Agriculture. Our decision came down to what is most important to us. The health and well-being of our fairgoers, the safety and respect of our community and of course fiscal responsibility to our Community Service Clubs who own and operate our Organization. We ask that you keep these organizations in mind and give whenever possible to help them continue helping our communities.

Luzerne County moved into the "Green Phase" as of Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> unfortunately there is no way for us to logistically operate in accordance to the maximum capacity of 250 people in a gathering.

Planning the Luzerne County Fair is a year-long venture. There is so much preparation and expense that goes into preparing for an event of this size. The Luzerne County Fair is run 100% by volunteers. The safety and well-being of these amazing people is very important to us. It became apparent we needed to make the decision before any unnecessary funds were spent on advertising, contract deposits for entertainment, security & so much more, this is part of our dedication to maintain Fiscal responsibility to the organization, our sponsors and our community.

With the help and support from our community, our Sponsors and our dedicated volunteers, The Luzerne County Fair will be back better and stronger than ever on September 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 2021. "Making Memories One Fair at A Time"

Please remember to support your local first responders, Front-Line workers, small businesses, and non-profit organizations, during this difficult time. We are incredibly grateful to our fairgoers, volunteers, exhibitors, and concessionaires. We can not wait to see you, until then Stay Safe and Stay Healthy...

Respectfully,

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