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TO: All Fairground CEOs and Board Chairs

SUBJECT: Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Awareness and Prevention

Yesterday, Governor Newsom announced a [proclamation](#) of a state of emergency related to the coronavirus (known as COVID-19). Within the proclamation all agencies of state government could possibly be utilized to assist with the effort including fairgrounds. There are no specific details regarding the role of the fairgrounds, however please be prepared to assist if notified by the Office of Emergency Services (OES). If you are notified by OES regarding the proclamation, please let F&E know immediately.

In light of the importance surrounding COVID-19, Fairs & Expositions (F&E) wants to provide awareness and prevention methods that each fair can implement for upcoming events held on fairgrounds. Please share the following information with fairground staff as needed.

### **Public Events and Event Cancellations**

The severity of the COVID-19 and its capabilities are relatively unknown at this point, according to the World Health Organization (WHO), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and California Department of Public Health (CDPH).

Despite these uncertainties, none of the listed organizations have recommended public event cancellation, nor have there been any federal or state mandates requiring cancellation of public events.

Fairgrounds may proceed with their scheduled events at their discretion, unless otherwise stated by proper government or public health authorities.

### **What can the Fairgrounds do to prevent the spread of COVID-19?**

Each fairground can do their part in conveying awareness and prevention of COVID-19 by enacting the following steps, but not limited to, at their events:

- Providing disease, illness, and hygiene education material (i.e. posters, pamphlets, etc.)
- Ensuring hand washing signs are posted throughout fairground



- Make sure hand washing stations are accessible
- Provide hand washing-soap and sanitizers
- Encouraging sick employees to stay home
- Sanitizing heavily used areas

### **What is the CDPH doing to Protect Our Health?**

CDPH has been working intently with the CDC to implement the most up-to-date precautionary measures available. Screenings areas for incoming passengers from China have been placed at two major California airports, Los Angeles International (LAX) and San Francisco International (SFO). Additionally, CDPH has been educating local health officials and organizations across the state in the identification and evaluation of people with illnesses who have been to China. CDPH will also pass along further COVID-19 information from the CDC as it is released.

For more information regarding COVID-19, please visit the website resource links below.

CDPH COVID-19 [Immunization Branch](#)

Main CDC – [COVID-19 Situation Summary](#)

CDC – [COVID-19 Interim Guidance for Business and Employers](#)

Finally, please be sure you contact your local health officer for updated information or with any questions. A directory to Health Officers can be found [here](#).

Sincerely,

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