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National Cherry Blossom Festival Announces More Cancellations to Festival Events Due to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Washington, D.C. - The [National Cherry Blossom Festival](#) announced today that based on an abundance of caution it will cancel the 2020 National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade® presented by Events DC and Petalpalooza® presented by Chase.

“We extend our sincere appreciation to the fourteen (14) high school marching bands from all over the country as they prepared for the parade over the past year as well as our Petalpalooza® participants, performers and sponsors who were primed to celebrate with us,” said Diana Mayhew, President and CEO of the National Cherry Blossom Festival. “Our priority continues to be the health and safety of our staff, guests and all Festival supporters and as such we are following the recommendations of national and global health experts.”

The 2020 National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade® presented by Events DC was scheduled for Saturday, April 4 and Petalpalooza® for Saturday, April 11.

In addition to the cancellations the following events are postponed:

- The Japan America Society’s [Sakura Matsuri](#) – Japanese Street Festival, a Premiere event of the National Cherry Blossom Festival is postponed to a future date to be determined.
- The [Anacostia River Festival](#), produced by the 11th Street Bridge Park and National Park Service, also a Premiere event of the National Cherry Blossom Festival is postponed until Sunday, August 9, 2020.

Mayhew stated, “Ultimately, the Festival is committed to continuing to embrace spring by enriching, unifying and supporting our community. We are looking at ways we to do that over the coming weeks.”

To ensure access to the latest information and guidance, the city has set up a [website](#) with the latest COVID-19 information and preventative recommendations. We encourage everyone to keep informed and act accordingly as new information is released. For additional information on the coronavirus and best prevention practices,

please visit the following websites from national health experts: World Health Organization (WHO) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

About the National Cherry Blossom Festival

The National Cherry Blossom Festival is one of the world's great celebrations of spring. The 2020 Festival, March 20 – April 12, includes four weeks of events featuring diverse and creative programming promoting traditional and contemporary arts and culture, natural beauty, and community spirit. Visit nationalcherryblossomfestival.org or call 877.44.BLOOM for more information, or check out Facebook ([CherryBlossomFestival](https://www.facebook.com/CherryBlossomFestival)), Twitter ([@CherryBlossFest](https://twitter.com/CherryBlossFest)), and Instagram ([@CherryBlossFest](https://www.instagram.com/CherryBlossFest)).