

Be Ready Utah Expo Postponed

March 11, 2020

It is with sincere sadness that we must inform you of the decision to postpone the 2020 Be Ready Utah Expo. That decision was ultimately made from deep concern for the health and safety of all of Utah's residents. While Utah has so far experienced just a few confirmed cases of COVID-19, we can only expect that to increase.

We all must do our part to minimize the impacts the virus is having on our lives. Thus, it has become necessary to suspend large-group, public gatherings. While the best prevention remains that of vigorous hand washing for at least 20 seconds, practicing social distancing may enhance the level of protection against the virus, and hamper community spread of the virus.

Utah's COVID-19 Task Force is working full-time to plan for, respond to, and ultimately recover from an outbreak of COVID-19 in Utah. Utah Division of Emergency Management, Utah Department of Health, and other state and local agencies are closely coordinating efforts to fight the virus.

All the latest COVID-19 information is being provided to the public through multiple channels. Anyone can get the most accurate and updated COVID-19 information at the special website **coronavirus.utah.gov** or by calling the 24-hour information line **1-800-456-7707**.

The Be Ready Utah Expo team greatly appreciates all the support given to the Expo thus far by our planning partners, our expo sponsors, our workshop presenters, our exhibitors, our volunteers, and our previously anticipated attendees. Every effort will be made to provide a full refund for paid booth spaces, sponsorships, and tickets already purchased through Eventbrite. We hope to be able to plan, produce, and conduct a future Be Ready Utah Expo where we can provide preparedness, health, and safety information and training to thousands of people from around the state.

We know this may be a scary time for some, but we ask all to use common sense with this and with all things preparedness. In the case of COVID-19, practice good hygiene; exercise common courtesy if you're feeling sick by covering coughs and staying home; and drink water. As always, other emergency preparedness information can be found at **bereadyutah.gov**.