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# MEMO

**Date:** March 13, 2020

**To:** Benton County Residents + News Media

**From:** Jerrod MacPherson, Benton County Administrator

**RE:** COVID-19 and Events at County Properties/Buildings

In accordance with [Governor Jay Inslee's Proclamation 20-07](#), dated March 11, 2020, and in an abundance of caution and in an effort to stem the spread of COVID-19 throughout our community, Benton County will no longer be accepting new applications for events to be held at the Benton County Fairgrounds until June 1, 2020. Please note, the Fairgrounds has limited buildings available until after September 2020 and are currently beginning to book dates for 2021 and later.

All events currently scheduled to be held at the Benton County Fairgrounds between today's date (March 13, 2020) and June 1, 2020 will be allowed to cancel their events for a full refund or reschedule their events at no additional cost, should they wish. If event holders wish to reschedule, a 12-month window will be provided to reschedule events at no cost.

In addition, per State guidelines, Benton County requires all events held at the Benton County Fairgrounds and all other Benton County facilities until June 1, 2020 to limit attendance to 250 persons or less, to help prevent and limit the transmission and spread of illness.

The Benton-Franklin Health District will continue to be the primary source of information for our region on the status of COVID-19 in our community. Please contact the following agencies for additional information:

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**

1-800-232-4636

**Washington State Department of Health (DOH)**

1-800-525-0127

**Benton-Franklin Health District (BFHD)**

509-460-4358 (English)

509-460-4359 (Spanish)

**Walla Walla County Community Health**

509-524-2647