



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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**Vancouver, B.C.** Following yesterday's cautionary closure, and after rigorous supplementary inspections, the Pacific National Exhibition, operators of Playland Amusement Park, have made the decision to open The Beast as scheduled today.

*"Safety is always our number one priority." Says PNE spokesperson Laura Ballance. "Yesterday, out of an abundance of caution, The Beast went through voluntary, additional inspections. Following those additional inspections, we have determined that the ride will open today as scheduled."*

The Beast, along with all Playland rides, undergo twice daily inspections by ride technicians and the operations team. Two additional annual inspections are also done by a world-leading third-party industry contractor.

### **About the PNE:**

Owned by the City of Vancouver, the Pacific National Exhibition (PNE) is a healthy and vibrant non-profit organization dedicated to providing over 3 million visitors a year with first-class cultural, sporting and family entertainment events. Founded in 1910, the PNE operates from a 114-acre site at Hastings Park, a multi-facility venue in Vancouver where the organization operates four activity streams: an annual 15-day Fair, Playland Amusement Park, maintenance and care of the Hastings Park site and management of the site's year-round facilities. These facilities are utilized to celebrate a variety of amateur sporting, music, community, social, cultural and commercial events throughout the year.

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