

## **Message from the PNE Chief Executive Officer**

The PNE is an iconic year-round gathering place and we are fully committed to our mission of building social connections and bringing people together to celebrate through culture, sports, music and recreation. We are navigating the COVID-19 situation collectively with all BC residents and organizations and appreciate your support as we work through this rapidly evolving situation. Our primary concern is the safety of our staff, guests and partners as well as open, timely communication with these parties.

In response to today's announcement by the BC Government's to temporarily cancel all event gatherings larger than 250 people, <u>all events of over 250 people at PNE venues will be postponed or cancelled until further notice</u>. Currently, this period of cancellation extends through March 31, 2020 and includes Monster Jam, Gem and Mineral Show, Seasons Festival, Gift Expo and other events on site. We will continue to actively monitor the situation as we get closer to April. We are working diligently with our partners to confirm details that can be shared with guests. Ticketholders for all events on site will be contacted (this will take a few days) and will be given options around postponed dates and refunds. We are committed to having staff available to answer your questions and are extending ticketing call centre hours for the coming week and having information available on our website and social media channels.

We are asking all staff, guests and partners to follow recommendations of the BC's Provincial Health Authority and the Public Health Agency of Canada. We all need to be engaged in responding to this threat and helping to slow the spread of this virus in our communities. The PNE has a phased response and action plan for staff and events and we will continue to make decisions with safety in mind. We appreciate your ongoing support as we collectively navigate through this time of uncertainty and look forward to a healthy, robust summer season.

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