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## <u>Adams County News and Information</u> 2020 Adams County Fair Canceled Due to Coronavirus Pandemic

Due to ongoing concerns regarding disease transmission in larger group settings that could result in additional outbreaks, the Adams County leadership team has made the decision to cancel the 2020 Adams County Fair. This year's Adams County Fair would have marked the 116<sup>th</sup> year of festivities.

"The decision to cancel this year's fair weighs heavy on our hearts; however, the personal wellbeing and safety of our guests, participants, and community remains our highest priority," said County Manager Raymond Gonzales. "Taking this step today will allow us to preserve the fair's history so we can come together bigger and stronger than ever in 2021."

During the week of the fair, which was scheduled for Aug. 5-9, organizers will explore virtual opportunities with the annual 5k run and 4-H competitions, as well as other various activities, to stay connected with the community. The 4-H staff is considering a modified approach for hosting competitions following social distancing parameters or hosting a 4-H virtual fair. As more information becomes available in the coming weeks, the 4-H staff will communicate plans with 4-H leaders, members, and families.

The Adams County Fair brings together thousands of people, crossing multiple demographics to provide affordable family entertainment, education, and enrichment. The team is thankful for the continued support from sponsors and partners.

"The impact of the fair's cancellation will be felt far beyond the loss of our annual celebration, but we are hopeful we will make a tremendous return in 2021, bringing back all the excitement of the Adams County Fair," said Gonzales.

Save the dates - Aug. 4-8, 2021 - for the Adams County Fair.

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## About the Adams County Fair

The Adams County Fair takes place annually at Riverdale Regional Park, 9755 Henderson Rd., Brighton. The first official Adams County Fair was held in October 1904, but the fair and rodeo predate the formation of the county. The fair dates back to 1888, when monthly Market Days were held at the fairgrounds on the south edge of Brighton, which is the present-day site of the Brighton City Hall at 500 S. 4th Ave. Today, the fair brings together family and friends from across Adams County with live entertainment, rides, and amusements; 4-H competitions; food; and more. To learn more about the Adams County Fair, visit <u>adamscountyfair.com</u>, or follow us on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.

## About Adams County

With rich traditions and history, Adams County offers the best of suburban and rural life – vibrant cities, quiet towns, and miles of recreation. Located in the Denver metro area, Adams County is the state's 5<sup>th</sup> largest county serving a population of over 500,000 residents. Adams County is home to the cities of Brighton, Commerce City, Federal Heights, Northglenn, and Thornton; portions of Arvada, Aurora, and Westminster: the town of Bennett; and a portion of the town of Lochbuie. Unincorporated communities include Henderson, Strasburg, and Watkins. Stay up to date on the latest county news and information on <u>adcogov.org</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Nextdoor</u>, and <u>Instagram</u>.