



PEORIA IRISH FEST

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Peoria Irish Fest Cancelled

June 10, 2020 – Peoria, Illinois – The Peoria Irish Fest/Erin Feis Board of Directors has made the decision to cancel this year's festival, due to the uncertainty caused by COVID-19. Many factors contributed to the board's decision, including state guidelines preventing large gatherings, and the degree to which patrons, volunteers, vendors and artists might be willing to gather in crowds.

"This decision weighed heavily with the entire board, but the safety of everyone who walks through our gates is our top priority every year," said John Martin, Event Co-Chair. "We waited as long as possible to make this call, but these are challenging days for everyone. This difficult decision allows us to move forward and protect the long-term viability of our fest."

Those that purchased tickets in advance can (1) transfer the tickets to next year, (2) donate them to the Peoria Irish Fest or (3) request a refund. Ticket purchasers will receive an email from the Peoria Irish Fest shortly.

The crew at the Peoria Irish Fest will miss seeing our friends and celebrating our Irish culture together. But the Irish are a resilient bunch and will do everything we can to keep our culture alive. We look forward to seeing everyone at the 2021 Peoria Irish Fest at Riverfront Park in downtown Peoria on August 27th-29th.

Peoria Irish Fest, a partnership between the St. Patrick Society of Peoria and the Peoria Park District, occurs the fourth weekend of August each year on Peoria's Riverfront. Keep in touch at www.peoriairishfest.com and on Facebook.

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