



The Lititz Craft Beer Fest organizers have been slow-walking an announcement about our 7th Annual event as we have been monitoring the situation with COVID-19 closely and hoping that a path to safely hold the event would become apparent. During any other year our team would be deeply involved in planning the event by now. But given all of the uncertainty that this pandemic has caused, planning has truly not been possible. We now find ourselves at the point where we cannot afford to delay any longer, and while the way forward has become clear, it is not at all what we had hoped it would be. After much consideration, we have made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Lititz Craft Beer Fest.

This is not a decision we made lightly and there are numerous prevailing concerns that have contributed to this outcome. First, and most importantly, we take very seriously the safety and well-being of our patrons and vendors, and we could not conceive of a way to hold the event that would both meet expectations and not cause undue risk. But even as we challenged ourselves to take a deep breath, reassess, and persevere, we received notice that PennDOT had suspended all road closure permits for large outdoor events for the foreseeable future due to the pandemic, and that clinched it.

Now more than ever, we feel compelled to focus our efforts on helping others, given the new challenges we all face. And in that spirit, we are planning other ways to support our

community in place of this year's event. We look forward to sharing the details of our plans and hope we can continue to count on your support.

Our 2019 event [raised more than \\$98,000 after expenses](#), and through the Lititz Craft Beer Fest, the Lititz AMBUCS has raised and donated more than \$431,000 to charitable organizations since the event's inception in 2014.

Stay safe, and hopefully we will be tipping our glasses with all of you soon.

