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Concerns about “the same fears and uncertainties as Facebook and Major League Baseball to cancel or severely curtail in-person events” forced event organizer Randall-Reilly to cancel what was to be the [22nd annual Great American Trucking Show](#).

GATS has been held annually since 1999 at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center in Dallas. This year's show was to take place Aug. 27-29.

The following announcement from the [GATS webpage](#) was posted late April 29, confirming cancellation of the upcoming show.

“The same fears and uncertainties that have led entities as diverse as Facebook and Major League Baseball to cancel or severely curtail in-person events have informed a very difficult decision:

Randall-Reilly is canceling the Great American Trucking Show, scheduled for Aug. 27-29, 2020. The decision has been made with the health and well-being of all participants first and foremost in mind.”



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“We remain committed to producing events like GATS that showcase the latest information in trucking, equipment, parts and accessories, as well as access to jobs. We will use the coming months to determine what form future events take and assess the safeguards needed to ensure your health.

“This pandemic has underscored how critical the industry and drivers are to the well-being of America. The fleets, owner-operators and drivers are what’s kept the flow of food and other goods in stores and homes. We are thankful to you, proud of you and will keep you posted on what’s next for GATS so we can celebrate you at a future event.”

The organizers said for those who had already booked and paid for accommodations, they recommended contacting the hotel or travel site the rooms were originally booked through to discuss their refund policies.

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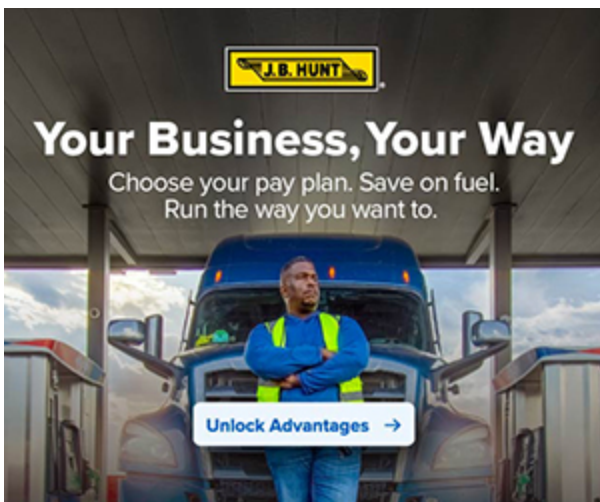
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