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Coronavirus Concerns Force Cancellation of Mid-America Trucking Show

 The exhibit hall floor at the Mid-America Trucking Show

The exhibit hall floor at a previous Mid-America Trucking Show in Louisville, Ky. (John Sommers II for Transport Topics)

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Due to concerns over the impact of the coronavirus pandemic, officials with the Mid-America Trucking Show announced on March 12 the show scheduled for March 26-28 in Louisville has been canceled.

“This is a decision we did not make lightly, but in consultation with our exhibitors, attendees, supporters, and partners, including Kentucky Venues, Louisville Tourism, Kentucky Governor’s Office, and the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Families Services,” said a statement on truckingshow.com, the show’s website. “In light of today’s extraordinary circumstances and with an abundance of caution, this decision has been made with the health and safety of our attendees, exhibitors, employees and show partners in mind.”

Organizers said the show will return next March in Louisville.

The event was to feature more than 1,000 exhibitors and attract as many as 80,000 visitors. It has been held annually since 1972 at the Kentucky Exposition Center, occupying more than 1 million square feet of exhibit space.



Show Update – 3/12/2020

It is with a heavy heart and deep regret that we announce the cancellation of the 2020 Mid-America Trucking Show scheduled for March 26-28 in Louisville, KY.

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MATS has a proud tradition as the largest and most well-attended show in heavy-duty trucking. We will return stronger than ever in 2021 and will focus on an unforgettable 50th-anniversary event – March 25-27, 2021 in Louisville, KY.

Sincerely,

MATS Show Management

Via truckingshow.com

The decision to cancel MATS comes as hundreds of organizations — including Major League Baseball, the National Basketball Association, National Hockey League, major college sports conferences and others — have announced postponements as the number of people contracting the virus spreads in both the U.S. and worldwide.

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