



COVID-19 COVERAGE

Updated: COVID-19 concerns lead to trucking industry cancellations, postponements

Some annual trucking and fleet conventions have already canceled events out of precaution for the coronavirus pandemic. Others are postponing spring shows until the summer or fall.

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Industry shows, conventions and expos are joining other organizations in canceling upcoming events that draw large crowds. Due to the rapid spread of COVID-19, the novel coronavirus, many events have been canceled or postponed.

Health leaders encouraged Americans to avoid large crowds. The Mid-American Trade Show Council were among the first to cancel their events in the Midwest. Some others have been postponed.

Patients with COVID-19 can keep their health by following these guidelines:

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stays in [the nose](#) and throat, which it does for the majority of people infected. Danger starts when it reaches the lungs.

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One in seven patients develops difficulty breathing and other severe complications, while 6% become critical. These patients typically suffer failure of the respiratory and other vital systems and sometimes develop septic shock, according to a [report](#) by last month's joint World Health Organization-China mission. You can [read more details on the "tipping point" of coronavirus here](#).

About 10-15% of mild-to-moderate 20% progress to critical. Patients at and those with pre-existing conditions cardiovascular disease.

And a big part of health experts' urge protect the more vulnerable. While after days of discomfort, it could be

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you have an update on an industry event to add to this list, please email Fleet Owner digital editor Catharine Conway at [cconway \[at\] endeavorb2b.com](mailto:cconway@endeavorb2b.com).

ACT Expo 2020: Canceled

The [ACT Expo 2020](#) has "rescheduled" for May 2021.

All current registrations and sponsor/exhibitor commitments will be transferred to the new dates. Act Expo will work with individuals to accommodate conflicts on an individual basis.

CONEXPO-CON/AGG & IFPE 2020: Closed early

Due to the growing concerns about COVID-19, the travel restrictions put in place by the President and changing corporate travel policies that impact many of the attendees and exhibitors, the decision was made to close CONEXPO-CON/AGG & IFPE (CONEXPO) one day early, closing on Friday, March 13 at 5 p.m.

CONEXPO made this decision based on conversations with AEM officers and other leadership, several top exhibitors, the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority and the office of the Nevada Governor.

As was said from early February when the first news of COVID-19 became available, show leaders were committed to keeping our top priority focused on CONEXPO, including attendees, exhibitors and others involved in the show.

After 5 p.m. on March 13, booths will be removing equipment from the show.

CVSA April events: Canceled

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Public Forum, scheduled for April 19, also in San Antonio, and the industry vehicle training course, scheduled for April 6-10 in Kent, Ohio.

CVSA will automatically refund the full registration fee to individuals who were registered for the CVSA Workshop or the industry vehicle training course.

The CVSA Board of Directors meeting and lead agency contacts meeting that were scheduled for the CVSA Workshop will still take place but will instead be held virtually. Programs, regions and committees may still hold a conference call meeting, as necessary, in lieu of the in-person meeting.

For events and meetings scheduled for May and beyond, CVSA will closely monitor the coronavirus outbreak, carefully consider all information and updates from reputable sources, and keep the membership updated on the status of all planned future events.

Dossier Summit 2020: Canceled

Dossier Systems Inc.'s Summit 2020, scheduled for April 20-23 in Baltimore, has been canceled, according to an email sent to attendees on March 23.

"Although I was already nearing a decision to cancel based on the worsening coronavirus situation, we have just been notified by the Summit hotel (Hyatt) that they are ceasing operations through

"Additionally, based on the current situation, we are canceling completely for 2020, what "normal life" may be like in the future.

Boetefuer added that all registered attendees will be able to attend the conference in 2021; but a 2021 is scheduled for April 19-22 in

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"We will be following changes in the impact of COVID-19 and work to schedule a new date for the Summit in the near future," the [FMCSA announced on its website](#). "We are disappointed, but the safety of the attendees is of the utmost importance. We look forward to setting a new date for the Summit."

Great American Trucking Show: Canceled

[GATS](#) was scheduled for late August in Dallas but by late April, it joined other industry events in canceling 2020 plans.

Organizers say they will "use the coming months to determine what form future events take and assess the safeguards needed to ensure your health." GATS showcases trucking information, equipment, parts and accessories.

HD Repair Forum: Postponed

The [HD Repair Forum](#), originally scheduled for March 24-25 in Fort Worth, Texas, has been postponed.

Organizers are in the process of rescheduling the forum for later this year, according to a an email sent to attendees of the event, which is the largest North American gathering of heavy-duty collision repair professionals, industry leaders and executives.

"We apologize for any inconvenience and believe this is the best decision for everyone involved, including our families, and their colleagues in the industry," said the HD Repair Forum president. "We look forward to the next few months where we will continue the progress that our sponsors and attendees have made."

MATS 2020: Canceled

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MATS organizers made the decision to cancel the show after consultation with exhibitors, attendees, supporters, and partners, including Kentucky Venues, Louisville Tourism, the Kentucky governor's office, and the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Families Services.

"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," read a message from MATS Show Management.

MATS plans to return to Louisville March 25-27, 2021, for the 50th anniversary of the heavy-duty trucking show.

MOVIN'ON SUMMIT 2020: Canceled

[Movin'On World Summit](#), originally scheduled June 3-5 in Montreal, Canada, has been canceled.

"Faced with this unprecedented global health crisis, the main priority of the Movin'On team is to protect the health of our employees, our ecosystem partners and our participants," said the Movin'On Summit team in a public statement on their website. "This is why we have decided to cancel the Movin'On World Summit, which was planned to take place in Montreal on June 3-5, 2020. We are currently working on alternative scenarios and a new date for the summit. An alternative ecosystem will be announced soon."

NAFA 2020: Rescheduled

Due to the escalation of severity with the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government recommendations and the North American Trucking Association (NAFA) Board of Directors have decided to reschedule the [NAFA 2020 Institute & Expo](#) in India.

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Directors has taken this step to help protect the safety and wellbeing of our attendees, exhibitors and all participants from the coronavirus."

A national imperative to promote social distancing to reduce the spread of COVID-19 has been put in place, and NAFA wholeheartedly encourages all to follow these directions to "flatten the (spread) curve." We thank all our members and suppliers for their support, open discussions and encouragement during this time.

Alternate arrangements for CAFM Live, a collocated certification event, are currently being determined. Current or prospective CAFM and CAFS enrollees continue to have online access to all needed [study guides, materials and online testing](#).

NPTC 2020: Canceled

The National Private Truck Council canceled its annual conference and exhibition, scheduled for April 26-28 in Cincinnati, was canceled on March 12.

"This decision is made in the best interest of the safety and welfare of all parties involved. It is also in response to the governor of Ohio's [State of Emergency order](#) this week recommending that mass meetings scheduled in the state be canceled," Gary Petty, the NPTC president and CEO, wrote in an email to attendees.

Petty said that all registration fees paid within 60 days; exhibitors and sponsors to the 2021 show or get a full refund.

"Details about how we will recognize the graduation Class of 2020, and Drive winners will be made available later.

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"The decision has been made to cancel the 2020 TTMA Annual Convention," [read a message on the TTMA website](#). "The health and well-being of all TTMA members is a top priority for us and the Board of Directors. We will be working the next several days on the logistics of organizing via conference call/webinar the trailer economic forecast, Engineering Committee, Tank Executive Committee and Board Meeting so that the business of the association can still be conducted. Please check your emails for updates and information as we work out these details."

TTMA said refunds would be issued automatically to all registrants; it also said that hotel rooms booked through TTMA's room block at La Cantera will be canceled and refunded automatically (with confirmation sent via email). But if you booked a room outside the block, TTMA suggests you contact the hotel directly.

WasteExpo 2020: Goes digital

In light of the [WasteExpo 2020](#) cancelation due to the COVID-19 pandemic, WasteExpo has announced WasteExpo Together Online, a digital experience that will take place August 10-14.

WasteExpo 2020 will return in 2021 and will be held on April 26-29, 2021 in Las Vegas, Nev. WasteExpo experienced strong industry support and commitment in the postponement of the event as it the COVID-19 situation worsened nationwide. WasteExpo 2021 will offer an interactive digital experience on vital industry topics over four days. The event will be co-located with the [Waste360 Investor](#) [Waste](#) Conference.

"We are reimagining WasteExpo dig

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experience soon. We thank our community for their ongoing support. Stay safe and we will look forward to seeing you in person next year."

This article will be updated as any other changes are made to upcoming industry gatherings in the U.S.

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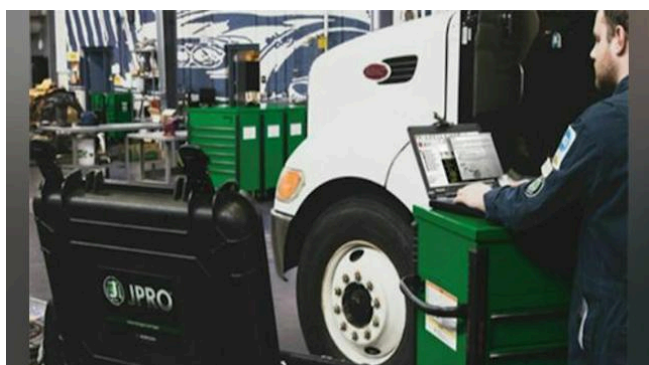
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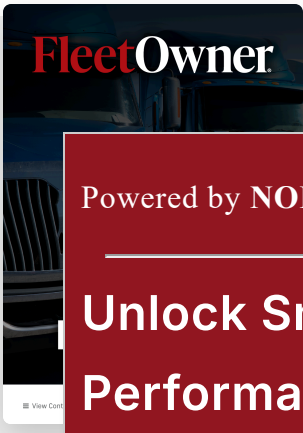


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