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global event, the health risk of having our international community come together next week was simply too great.

In the weeks leading up to the cancellation decision, the IHA Board of Directors and IHA staff watched the situation closely and listened to our industry's constituents – members, exhibitors, retailers, distributors, reps and consultants. Although some wanted to continue, the overwhelming majority asked (and many demanded) that we cancel the Show due to the Coronavirus threat. By March 2, we were swept away by a tide of cancellations from both exhibitors and retailers that clearly made the most difficult decision ever made by IHA fairly easy – the Show simply couldn't continue on as it had for more than 80 years.

Everyone here at IHA, on the Board and throughout the industry was devastated by this news. The Show is so meaningful not only for the tremendous commerce activities being done, but also for the networking that

is facilitated – our industry simply doesn't come together to this degree in any other place than in Chicago each March.

At IHA, hard work remains in front of us as we deal with the ramification of this

decision. Unpacking an event of this size with the sheer magnitude of

personnel involved is a monumental task. We are working hard to ensure

that the show is on track for 2021. We will be back in touch soon with

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Sincerely,

Derek Miller

President

International Housewares Association

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General Questions

Is it true that The Inspired Home Show has been cancelled for 2020?

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IHA is working through an analysis of the financial impact to the Association. Once that is complete, the Board of Directors will determine the amount and form of refunds.

Will exhibitors be reimbursed for third-party arrangements?

Please review your agreement with your vendor. IHA is not party to any arrangement between exhibitors and third-party providers.

How will my Advance to Warehouse freight be returned?

All exhibitors will need to submit their outbound shipping information forms by **Thursday, March 12, 2020** to Chi.Trans@Freemanco.com. The appropriate forms will include Quick Facts, Outbound Shipping Forms, and Terms and Conditions. An email from Freeman with this information has been sent directly to the Exhibitor Show Contact.

For additional questions please contact:

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Chantos will be in touch with options.

[Connie Chantos](#) with your shipping account number by April 10, 2020. After this date, products will be donated to an IHA-approved charity on your behalf. *Note: These items are currently in transit between Freeman and McCormick Place and it may be up to two weeks before we are able to ship them back*

- **Celebration of Coffee Display** – If you would like your product returned, please contact [Lindsay Pearson-Wessels](#) with your shipping account number by April 10, 2020. After this date, products will be donated to an IHA-approved charity on your behalf.
- **Discover Design Gallery** – If you would like your product returned, please contact [Lindsay Pearson-Wessels](#) with your shipping account number by April 10, 2020. After this date, products will be donated to an IHA-approved charity on your behalf
- **Pantone ColorWatch** – IHA and Pantone will be reviewing options for delivering the annual color forecast vignettes and we will be in touch once additional information is available. Please contact [Vicki Matranga](#) with any questions.
- **Influencer Conference** – If you would like your product returned, please contact [Leana Salamah](#) with your shipping account number by April 10, 2020. After this date, products will be donated to an IHA-approved charity on your behalf.

- **Independents' Day** – If you would like your product returned, please contact [Connie Chantos](#) with your shipping account number by April 10, 2020. After this date, products will be donated to an IHA-approved charity on your behalf.

- **IHA Market Watch** – We are reviewing these products for possible inclusion in ongoing PR efforts related to the IHA Market Watch Report. We will contact you if we need more information.

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The pre-Show media list is currently available through your [exhibitor portal](#). We will be updating and finalizing this list over the next two weeks.

Attendee Questions

Will the cost of badge registration be refunded for attendees?

Badge registration costs for attendees will be refunded to the credit card used for the original purchase. These will be done processing by mid-March and may take up to two weeks to appear on a statement.

Can I get a list of exhibitors and contact information?

Please visit [Housewares Connect 365](#) for a complete list of exhibitors as well as a searchable database of exhibitors, products and contact information.

Travel-Related Questions

If I booked my hotel through the official housing provider, OnPeak, how do I cancel my reservation?

As of March 3, 2020, all hotel reservations made through onPeak have been cancelled on your behalf. For the few reservations that were cancelled after the allowable cancellation period, we will be working with the hotel on any cancellation fees.

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Can I still keep my hotel room or retain my discount?

All hotel reservations made through onPeak have been cancelled on your behalf. You will need to contact your hotel directly to re-instate your hotel reservation.

Will IHA be reimbursing flight cancellation fees?

IHA is not liable for costs related to travel to Chicago. Please contact your specific airline carrier to inquire about their change/cancellation policy.

The Inspired Home Show 2021

What are the dates for the 2021 Show?

The Inspired Home Show 2021 will be held March 13-16, 2021 at Chicago's McCormick Place.

When can I book my hotel for the 2021 Show?

The 2021 official room block will open in mid-March; an exact date will be communicated soon. If you want to be notified when 2021 booking is available, please [provide us with your e-mail](#).

When does the 2021 space application become available?

The 2021 space application is now open.

Will there be a virtual show?

Will there be a live show?

When will the show be held?

What are the show dates?

Registration is now open.

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