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Montco Commerce Cancels Manu-Fest Due to Coronavirus Concerns

Norristown, PA (February 7, 2020) – The Montgomery County Commerce Department has determined that in light of events that are rapidly evolving related to COVID-19, Manu-Fest and More 2020 will not go ahead as planned on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. Schools, exhibitors, vendors, and volunteers began receiving notification late on Friday, March 6, 2020. The decision not to move forward with the event as planned was made after consultation with the Montgomery County Office of Public Health and the Montgomery County Department of Public Safety. Ultimately, the decision is driven by a desire to exercise an abundance of caution and to minimize potential uncertainty and anxiety that may have been felt by the committed attendees.

In the coming weeks, as the impact and implications of COVID-19 are better understood, the Commerce Department will consult with the venue, schools, exhibitors, and other stakeholders to reevaluate a new date for the event.

About the Montgomery County Commerce Department - The Montgomery County Commerce Department utilizes a unified approach to providing economic and workforce development services and assistance to individuals, entrepreneurs, investors, businesses, communities, and institutions. Through the department's component entities and expanding network of partners and stakeholders, Montco Commerce collaborates every day to make Montgomery County the place to **live, work, learn, & invest**. For more information on the Montgomery County Commerce Department along with economic and workforce development in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, visit www.montcopa.org/Commerce and www.MontcoForward.org. Follow the Montgomery County Commerce Department on Twitter @MontcoCommerce.

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