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Upland Lemon Festival Cancelled Due to COVID-19

Upland, CA (May 19, 2020): The annual Upland Lemon Festival, which celebrates the city's citrus heritage, is being canceled for 2020 due to the restrictions placed on large gatherings by state public health officials due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The festival, which traditionally runs for three days on the last weekend of April, had been rescheduled for July 31-Aug. 2 in the hopes that the public gathering limitations would have been lifted. However, officials say such events may not be permissible until 2021 based on a four-stage program to open up the state. Large public events are part of stage 4.

Upland officials said they are disappointed to not be able to hold the largest celebration held in the City, which annually sees more than 60,000 guests looking to indulge in lemon treats, lemon beer, and even lemon-flavored ribs. The event also hosts a carnival and large arts and crafts market.

Since 2013, Fairplex has produced the Upland Lemon Festival through The Learning Centers at Fairplex nonprofit. Each year a portion of the proceeds from the Lemon Festival go to nonprofits in the city of Upland.

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