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ANNUAL DUBLIN ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION CANCELLED DUE TO CONCERNS OVER THE CORONAVIRUS

DUBLIN, Calif., March 9, 2020 – The City of Dublin has announced that its annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration, which includes a two-day festival, a 5K Shamrock Fun Run and Walk, St. Patrick's Day parade, and pancake breakfast, will be cancelled this year due to the heightened health risk and growing concerns over the novel coronavirus, COVID-19. The St. Patrick's Day festivities were scheduled to take place March 14-15, 2020.

The call to cancel was made after tremendous thought and numerous consultations with both the Alameda County Department of Public Health and the Alameda County Office of Emergency Services. The annual celebration has become a regional event that annually brings close to 80,000 people into our community. In a [letter to the community](#), City Manager Linda Smith wrote, "It is our duty and obligation to protect our citizens, as well as the many visitors who would be coming into our City for the events. Cancelling the Dublin St. Patrick's Day Celebration is simply the prudent thing to do."

Event organizers have contacted the numerous vendors and sponsors of the event to alert them of the cancellation.

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