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Decision Made to Postpone Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade Amid COVID-19 Concerns

Pittsburgh, PA, March 11, 2020 - Due to rising concerns about COVID-19, a disease caused by a new strain of the coronavirus, the City of Pittsburgh, on advisement of the federal government and following the recommendations set forth by the Centers for Disease Control to limit "mass gatherings," has made the difficult decision to postpone the 2020 Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The Irish Society for Education and Charity, Inc., and the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade committee are disappointed but in support of the decision to postpone the parade for the time-being, out of concern for public safety.

"While we are disappointed to postpone our annual parade honoring St. Patrick, we recognize that the health and safety of the Pittsburgh community is at the forefront of our decision. We are proud to be Irish every day of the year, not just in March, and will work with the City to determine a plan of action for a future date in which we can continue our celebrations. "

The Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade committee is working diligently to determine a plan for future events to honor St. Patrick in the city of Pittsburgh and will communicate these plans as needed.

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