



April 3, 2020

Dear friends of the Penn-Mar Irish Festival,

Today, Penn-Mar Irish Festival joins the growing list of events impacted by the COVID-19 situation. After careful consideration, our committee has made the painful decision to cancel this year's festival due to safety concerns.

Unfortunately, postponing until later this year is not a viable option for a variety of reasons.

We share the disappointment that many will feel with this news but recognize that there are far more important priorities in our community and the world at this time. Our entertainers and vendors will feel the loss just as much as we will. We encourage everyone to please support our musicians and vendors – you can find links on our website and we will continue to spotlight them in Facebook posts throughout the year. They have all suffered a loss of income due to so many canceled events.

We truly appreciate your loyalty and support. We sincerely thank our sponsors, vendors, entertainers, partners, suppliers, and volunteers for their patience as we work through the many details of this unprecedented situation.

Tickets purchased through [Freshtix.com](https://www.freshtix.com) will be automatically refunded. If you purchased tickets in person at The Markets at Shrewsbury, you may keep your tickets and use them next year or return them to the point of purchase for a refund (once stay-at-home mandates are lifted).

If you received complimentary tickets through any of our contests or via donations to fundraisers you attended, they will be honored at next year's festival.

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, June 19, 2021, and plan to join us then.

More importantly, please continue to practice social distancing so that we can all enjoy live Irish music and dance in person again.

Stay safe and take care.