

## March 19, 2020 (Madera, CA.)

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Effective Monday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Madera Fairgrounds will be closing to the public until further notice. Our office will remain open by phone call, email and social messaging, but walk-in traffic will be restricted and our RV Camping will be closed down as well.

Our staff continues to work on the September 10-13th 2020 Fair, in hopes of bringing one of Madera County's greatest gatherings to the community.

We would like to thank Madera Speedway, Miracle Skate, and the Madera Flea Market for reducing operations during this difficult time. Their businesses serve a large portion of the public and we know that this was a difficult decision for them to make given that there have only been recommendations coming from our Federal, State and County agencies.

We would also like to express our thanks and also our sadness to the multiple family events that we have had to cancel in the last week. This has been one of the hardest parts of our jobs because we know how important these events are and how many of you have made detailed plans for a year or more only to run up against the COVID-19 outbreak. We have been working hard to reschedule events and please know that if the recommendation from State and Local officials changes to encompass more dates, we will continue to work with all of our renters to refund deposits accordingly.

There has been some concern about the fact that the flea market has remained open. This was done against the recommendations of the Fair, however the Flea Market, their vendors and many customers feel that access to the goods at the Flea Market is essential for many of Madera's residents and is no different than access to other shopping options. They will open for one last day on Sunday, March 22th and then will close until we all receive the all clear from Federal, State and local officials.

Please do your part to flatten the curve by staying home when possible and avoiding group gatherings. Make sure that you frequently wash your hands with soap and water and most importantly stay home and away from people if you are sick or feel ill in any way. It is very important that our community stay healthy so that we can get through this as quickly as possible.