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Martha's Vineyard Hospital Cancels the 2020 Annual Health Fair

Amid growing concerns of large, public gatherings, canceling the event for 2020 is the best course of action for the community

- Who:** The Martha's Vineyard Community, participants and guests of the Annual Health Fair
- What:** In order to protect the safety of patients, staff and visitors, the Partners Healthcare system rolled out a strategy to mitigate the spread of infectious diseases, including the coronavirus (COVID-19). Our clinical and emergency preparedness leaders ask that we cancel or postpone public events hosted at our local hospitals in as part of our mitigation strategy. Out of an abundance of caution for the safety of our community, both internal and public, Martha's Vineyard Hospital has made the difficult decision to cancel the MVH Annual Health Fair originally scheduled for Saturday, April 4th, 2020. Though there have been no positive COVID-19 tests in Dukes county at this time, we are taking the precautionary measure to avoid hosting a large community gathering in the halls of MVH and Windemere. The health and safety of our patients, residents, staff and community are our highest priority and we see no other option but to cancel this wonderful community event this year.
- Why:** The situation regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) is constantly evolving and we cannot be sure that our community will not be directly impacted in the coming weeks. MVH will announce the date for the 2021 Health Fair in the coming months.

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