



## **MEDIA RELEASE CONCERNING COVID-19**

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As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve the Valley Agricultural Society board of directors is monitoring the situation closely.

Our top priority is the health and safety of our fans and contestants and, as such, we will follow the official guidance from local and national health authorities in order to plan for a safe event.

As of now, Rumble in the Valley is set to take place as scheduled on May 29 and 30 and the Manitoba Stampede & Exhibition is set to take place July 16 to 19. Planning for these events and ticket pre-sales will continue as planned. However, we acknowledge that the current situation is creating uncertainty about the viability of large public gatherings in the coming weeks and months. *Rest assured, in the event of cancellation, all pre-sale tickets will be fully refunded.*

We will consult with experts as our dates get closer and when the time comes, we will make an appropriate decision. We are hopeful that precautions being taken at this time will allow our festival, along with the many others throughout Manitoba to take place as planned.

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