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Mayor Williams thanks Freedom Festival organizers for decision to cancel 2020 outdoor festival and concerts

Abilene, Texas – Abilene Mayor Anthony Williams would like to commend the organizers of the 4th of July Freedom Festival for their decision to cancel this year’s outdoor festival and concerts in light of the current surge of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in Taylor County.

“The Freedom Festival team has independently made the decision to cancel this year’s festivities in an effort to safeguard the health and economic welfare of our city, despite significant investments made to produce the event over the course of the last year. I would like to personally thank the Freedom Festival team for this decision, and recognize their commitment to act in the best interest of our entire community,” said Mayor Williams.

Freedom Festival organizers announced Friday evening that the decision has been made to cancel the Saturday, July 4th events originally planned to take place at the Taylor County Expo Center from 4 to 10 p.m. A fireworks display is still scheduled to take place Saturday night at 10 p.m. from Nelson Park. Attendees will be required to social distance in accordance with Governor Greg Abbott’s latest Executive Order.

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