

Together, we are facing a truly unprecedented situation. The global coronavirus pandemic is affecting all of our families, our businesses, our communities, and our way of life. During this time, I wanted to reach out and update you on how we're approaching the situation at the American Cowboys Rodeo Association.

First and foremost, our hearts go out to anyone who's been impacted by the virus, either directly or indirectly. Our thoughts are especially with those who are sick, to whom we extend our heartfelt wishes for a full recovery. And we're truly inspired by the selfless healthcare workers around the world who are on the front lines working tirelessly to care for people in need.

Second, at the American Cowboys Rodeo Association, we're focused on the health and safety of our employees, contestants, and stock contractors.

The American Cowboys Rodeo Association has been closely monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic and its potential impact on our venues and events. The safety of our spectators, staff, committee members and contestants remain of paramount importance. Following various orders from Governor's of Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma to prohibit the operation of all businesses that are not life-sustaining, and limiting gatherings of people to 10 or less, effective April 9, 2020 until further notice, **all American Cowboys Rodeo Association rodeos, and events have been suspended.**

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding during this necessary intermission.

Please continue to check this page for regular updates and click through to the event page for cancellation, postponement, and/or rescheduling details. Our board will be in contact with committees and stock contractors to try and reschedule as soon as we know when we can start having rodeos again and we thank you in advance for your understanding and patience as we progress through this.

During this time, we are encouraging all members and families to support our local communities where we live and work. We're also doing our board meeting virtually to limit contact and to be able to make more immediate decisions if necessary.

We have already talked through several different contingency plans and will work to roll those out as quickly as possible once we know when rodeo activities can resume.

We have amazing members across our reach and our board members are here for you. This moment reminds us that we're all connected like never before. We're called upon to be our best selves, with patience, understanding and compassion. On behalf of all of us at the American Cowboys Rodeo Association, we're committed to being your partner and persevering together in all the days and years ahead.

As we go forward, we'll be sure to keep you updated, and know that we always value your questions, ideas and feedback.

Sincerely,

Bob Carder  
President, American Cowboys Rodeo Association.