

RESTART

SPECIAL EVENTS OVERVIEW

SAFETY IS OUR FIRST PRIORITY

Public health and safety is the top priority for Columbus Recreation and Parks Department.

Columbus Mayor Andrew J. Ginther announced on Thursday, May 21, that Jazz & Rib Fest and the African-American Cultural Festival for 2020 would be canceled due to the coronavirus public health emergency. The department recognizes the importance of making this announcement so we can celebrate both of these important events in the future with residents.

PROGRAM / SERVICE SUMMER 2020 STATUS

Jazz & Rib Fest	✘	Canceled for 2020 Festival will return July 23-25, 2021
African-American Community Festival	✘	Canceled for 2020 Festival will return in 2021 / Date TBA

FAQs

Why are you canceling Jazz & Rib Fest and the African-American Cultural Festival?

Canceling events that celebrate the diversity of our community is not an easy decision. We closely reviewed the guidance on mass gatherings issued by Governor Mike DeWine, and we determined that it is not possible to host these department-sponsored events in a way that would allow us to put the protocols outlined in the guidance in place.

For more information regarding community events, permits, and races visit:
www.columbus.gov/recreationandparks/events/Office-of-Special-Events/

Is it possible to postpone these two events and hold them later in 2020?

These events require planning and working with artists and vendors who already have set schedules for the rest of the year. With Governor Mike DeWine's mass gatherings ban still in place and limiting gatherings to 10 people, it would not be possible to hold these large events at this time.

When will the Jazz & Rib Fest take place in 2021?

The 2021 Jazz & Rib Fest will take place July 23-25, 2021.

Where can I find out more information about the Office of Special Events?

Visit [Columbus.gov/recreationandparks/events/Office-of-Special-Events/](https://columbus.gov/recreationandparks/events/Office-of-Special-Events/).

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