

## **For Immediate Release**

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### **2020 Orion Fall Festival Cancelled**

The Orion Fall Festival Committee has made the difficult decision to cancel the 48<sup>th</sup>. 2020 Orion Fall Festival scheduled for Labor Day Weekend, September 4-6, due to the COVID-19 crisis. We feel we have made the right choice based on current circumstances.

Our goal has always been focused on providing our Orion Community an opportunity to finish the summer and come together and celebrate the coming of the fall season. The festival has given us time to celebrate friendships and class reunions bringing people together from the Quad City area and other parts of the country.

Being community focused, these past several months have provided several challenges for our committee and meeting CDC guidelines would be too much to overcome. We want to be safe. We want to remain healthy. We want to contain the spread of this virus so our community can move forward with less opportunities for its spread.

Our festival relies on the help of many volunteers and vendors. Their safety is our concern, too. Vendors who have pre-paid to participate in the 2020 festival will be contacted by a festival representative.

The 2021 Orion Fall Festival will be held Labor Day Weekend, September 3-5. We look forward to getting our community together at that time.

As previously announced, the festival has set aside funds to assist members of the Orion School District community who have suffered from the health-related effects of the virus. Individuals may go to the festival's Facebook page for more information.