



## COVID-19 Update: Megaplex 2020 Cancellation

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When I took over as chairman, I never thought this would be a letter I would have to write. The last few months have been hard on everyone. Many in our fandom and around the world are dealing with the loss of their jobs and for some having to say goodbye to loved ones for the last time due to COVID-19. Furry Conventions have been rescheduled or outright canceled for this year one after another after another. It is with a very deep sadness that I must announce that Megaplex 2020 is to be added to the list of cons canceled for 2020.

In the spirit of transparency, this has been a long and difficult decision not just for me but for the entire board of directors. Questions like "Could we do enough to keep our attendees safe?", "Could we still provide the experience our attendees have come to expect?", and yes even "Could/Would enough people attend in order to be able to afford the event let alone future events?". The board held an emergency meeting to discuss our options and determined that if we wanted to be able to offer full refunds to our attendees as well as continue operation to be able to hold future events, we could not put off the decision any further. We came to the conclusion that even if we could do enough to keep the virus at bay it would massively affect the convention experience and it would be very possible that only a third of our planned attendance would be willing or able to attend.

We love each and every one of our attendees and will be offering the ability to donate your registration fee to Megaplex, transfer your registration to next year, or to request a full refund for those whose credit/debit cards were charged this year. We hope you will at least consider donating your registration fee though we understand that may not be an option for many. We still have operating costs we need to cover for this year as well as fees associated with each registration that we do not feel would be right to deduct from everyone's refunds.

All is not lost; we are looking into the possibility of hosting an online convention which those who donate or transfer their registration would have free access to. More details will be released on this if we are able to do it as they become available.

Additional information as well as the form to designate how we shall handle your registration can be found at <https://megaplexcon.org/COVID19>. We kindly ask that questions regarding the cancellation be directed at the resources listed on that page as opposed to reaching out to staff members. This cancellation is especially rough on our staff as they have put in countless hours to work through all of the issues to bring you this year's convention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan 'SCOOBY'". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Megaplex Chairman