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INTERNATIONAL MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY SHOW CANCELLED FOR FIRST TIME SINCE WWII

IMTS to continue to offer digital experiences to foster connections, networking and technical learning opportunities.

McLean, Va., (June 9, 2020) – Because of health and safety requirements imposed by the state of Illinois for holding conventions, which include the availability of a vaccine for the COVID-19 virus or a highly effective treatment protocol, IMTS – The International Manufacturing Technology Show has announced that it has cancelled [IMTS 2020](#).

IMTS will offer two comprehensive digital programs, IMTS Network and IMTS Spark, over the next several months to assist exhibitors and the manufacturing community. IMTS is fully committed to returning to McCormick Place as scheduled for its normal rotation, September 13-18, 2022.

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“The show has been held uninterrupted for 73 years, but now the global coronavirus health crisis requires the cancellation of what would have been the 34th edition of IMTS for the health and safety of our exhibitors, audiences and local business community,” says Peter R. Eelman, Vice President & CXO at AMT – The Association For Manufacturing Technology, which owns and produces IMTS. “Our organization and its members take immense pride in presenting one of the world’s largest manufacturing technology events, one that dates back to 1927. The cancellation is especially poignant because the show was poised to offer an unmatched breadth and depth of resources to help industry rethink, reestablish and reengage with supply chains disrupted by COVID-19.”

Visitors who have registered for IMTS 2020 have the choice to receive a refund on registration or transfer their registration to a tax-deductible donation to Miles For Manufacturing, where every dollar is given to programs that prepare students for careers in manufacturing technology. Exhibitors will receive direct communications from IMTS.

Digital Experiences

While acknowledging that an in-person show can never be replaced with a digital event, Eelman says IMTS feels a responsibility to provide exhibitors and visitors a way to connect. “In the near future, we will launch the IMTS Network and IMTS Spark to provide the IMTS exhibitors and visitors with connections, networking opportunities and technical knowledge,” says Eelman.

The IMTS Network will live-stream a wide variety of features and human-interest stories from the Manufacturing Technology sector. IMTS Spark, a new program, will be a comprehensive digital platform that connects IMTS exhibitors and visitors, provides educational and networking opportunities and offers first rate experiences, will launch in the near future.

IMTS had already taken action to help manufacturers address supply chain issues created by COVID-19. The [IMTS.com/supplychain](https://www.imts.com/supplychain) microsite — *ReBuilding the Supply Chain* — shows OEMs how to rethink their current operations, how they can reengage with suppliers and secure trading partners and how they can reestablish connections for a more localized industrial base. It includes a brief history of why the

supply chain disruption occurred, and IMTS has mapped out future content to show steps that can be taken to secure the supply chain moving forward.

More details will be announced in IMTS publications later this week.

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Image Information

JPG: IMTS Balloon - [Download](#)

Caption: IMTS balloon welcoming everyone to IMTS 2018 from McCormick Place Square.

Conversations within the IMTS community are continuing on social media:

@ Twitter: [@IMTSChicago](#) or #IMTS

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/10632805>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IMTS.show>

MEDIA NOTES:

Download the IMTS 2020 logo and photos – [IMTS.com/media](https://www.imts.com/media)

View the IMTS 2020 floor plan – [IMTS.com/floorplan](https://www.imts.com/floorplan)

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IMTS – International Manufacturing Technology Show the largest and longest running manufacturing technology trade show in the United States is held every other year at McCormick Place in Chicago, Ill. IMTS 2022 will run Sept. 13-18. IMTS is ranked among the largest trade shows in the world. Recognized as one of the world's preeminent stages for introducing and selling manufacturing equipment and technology as well as connecting the industry's supply chain. IMTS attracts visitors from every level of industry and more than 117 countries. IMTS 2018 was the largest in number of registrations (129,415), net square feet of exhibit space (1,424,232 sq. ft.), booths (2,123) and exhibiting companies (2,563). IMTS is owned and managed by AMT – The Association For Manufacturing Technology.

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