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## The 2020 International Surf Festival has been postponed.

## Statement from International Surf Festival President Rob McGowan:

As a result of the L.A. County Department of Public Health recently extending its "Safer-At-Home" Order into the next few months, and because the health and safety of our participants is our chief concern, after careful thought and consideration, the Board of the International Surf Festival has decided to postpone this year's event, scheduled to be held July 29 to August 2, 2020 until July 28 to August 1, 2021.

The threat of COVID-19 spreading still remains very real, and at this moment, it is difficult to predict which restrictions on mass gatherings would still be in place when the ISF is scheduled to be held. So, out of an abundance of caution the ISF Board has decided to take this unprecedented action.

We are grateful that our annual event has become a cornerstone of the beach community, but today we should remember that life itself and the health of our community is what is most important.

Our thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery go out to those who have been afflicted with COVID-19, and to all those who have been impacted by it.

On behalf of everyone at the ISF, please stay healthy. We look forward to seeing all of you next year.