



Santa's Village

The North Pole USA

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The Saginaw County Agricultural Society and the Santa's Village Planning Committee are heartbroken to announce that there will not be a 2020 Santa's Village at the Saginaw County Fairgrounds.

Santa's Village has been a beautiful Christmas wonderland and a Saginaw County treasure for 15 years. Welcoming thousands of holiday guests each year has brought endless joy to our volunteers. We are truly grateful that we have been a part of so many family Christmas traditions, but with the uncertainty of the COVID-19 virus and the current restrictions of the Michigan Safe Start Plan, we are not able to continue planning not knowing if we can safely gather indoors by November.

At every step in our decision process, we considered the impact on everyone involved, along with the time and effort, deadlines fast approaching, vendor contract requirements, and the overall costs of planning Santa's Village. However, the safety and health of our guests, volunteers, entertainers, vendors, and our community has always been our priority when making our decisions. We are currently in Phase 4 of the Michigan Safe Start Plan. Gatherings like ours hosting over 1,000 guests each weekend are not allowed until Phase 6. To advance into Phase 6 encompasses 30 days with no new COVID-19 cases, a vaccine and treatment medication. Reaching these risk prevention levels to allow for the full experience of Santa's Village, we do not foresee feasible for 2020.

Evaluating all these factors has led to the decision that we cannot confidently plan for the 2020 Santa's Village. We are disappointed and know this is disappointing to our guests and to our community. Although Santa's Village will not take place as we have always known it, we are still planning for fun festivities for the Holiday Season. We invite you to follow us on Facebook or go to our website: www.saginawcountyfair.org for all our up to date information on future event plans.

We hope you join us in looking ahead to a Santa's Village in 2021.

Sincerely,

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