

MCA Update to County Affiliates

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This is undoubtedly an unfortunate correspondence to deliver on a Monday afternoon. While we all hold personal opinions about the chaos generated as a result of the Coronavirus, we must be prudent in following advice given to us about our response to the issue as it relates to the business of this association. Subsequent to conservations with our legal counsel and our insurance provider, we have no choice but to adhere to CDC guidelines pertaining to the Coronavirus. On behalf of the MCA officer team and staff, we are making the following recommendations:

- County Affiliates <u>should consider postponing</u> all events where 50 or more people will be in attendance until April 20 or until further notice. If you choose to host the event anyway, MCA's liability insurance <u>will not</u> cover the event.
- County Affiliates hosting gatherings of less than 50 people will have access to liability
 insurance coverage, but our council has recommended considering alternative meeting
 methods. This includes conference calls. For access to our conference call platform or for
 assistance in facilitating a conference call, please contact the MCA office by phone or
 email sydney@mocattle.com.

The following MCA events will be postponed/canceled. Please read carefully.

- April 8 rally at the Capitol regarding eminent domain will be postponed until the General Assembly decides the path forward for the rest of session.
- MCA Board of Directors April 9 meeting will be postponed. We will notify the affiliates when a new date is determined to hold the meeting.
- All Cowboys at the Capitol sessions are postponed until further notice. We will make sure all information is distributed to affiliates and regional vice presidents.
- Moving forward, we will keep you informed on events in late April and May. At this time, we are not making decisions on those activities.

Sincerely,

Mike Deering and the 2020 MCA Officers