



TO: Seattle Center Event Clients & Partners
FROM: Gretchen Lenihan, Event Sales, Booking & Contracting Manager
DATE: June 16, 2020
RE: Seattle Center Event Scheduling for Summer 2020

As our City, region and country continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, and as we gradually turn toward the phases of re-opening, I want to share with you an update on Seattle Center event activity.

The City of Seattle Special Events Committee has approved an administrative vote to not issue Special Events permits through September 7, 2020 while continuing to accept applications for events that would take place after that date. Since this approval impacts several festivals and events at Seattle Center that require street closures and other permits through the Special Events Committee, Seattle Center has determined the need to cancel major events on the grounds through Labor Day.

Gatherings of over 50 people are not considered until Phase 4 of the State of Washington Covid-19 reopening plan, and the State timeline and gathering allowances will guide our event activities. Therefore, Seattle Center is not accepting re-bookings or new applications for events taking place prior to September 7.

Given that the safety of Seattle Center visitors, guests and staff is our top priority, we are looking to new ways to bring our community together. Several Seattle Center public programs are shifting online via a pilot program to present virtual events using the production capacity of Seattle Center Studios in Marion Oliver McCaw Hall. Initially, the pilot will focus on Seattle Center Festál cultural festivals and support resident arts organizations.

Seattle Center is currently accepting applications and bookings for events taking place after September 7. In the meantime, we are developing new safety protocols for our staff and processes event organizers can use to incorporate State and Public Health requirements in their future events.

We miss welcoming your community and your event to Seattle Center, and we look forward to when we can again safely produce large scale gatherings. Planning is underway with City, County, State, and public health officials on the Governor's phased approach to return in-person gatherings and events to Seattle Center, when appropriate.

Thank you for all you bring to Seattle Center and our greater community through your event.

City of Seattle
Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

Seattle Center
Robert Nellams, Director

ARTS / VENUES

A/NT Gallery
Book-It Repertory Theatre
KCTS 9/Crosscut
KEXP 90.3 FM
Pacific Northwest Ballet
Pottery Northwest
Seattle Children's Theatre
Seattle Opera
Seattle Rep
Seattle Shakespeare Company
SIFF Film Center
TeenTix
Theatre Puget Sound
The Vera Project

ATTRACTIONS / VENUES

Armory
Artists at Play Playground & Plaza
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
Discovery Center
Chihuly Garden and Glass
Cornish Playhouse
International Fountain
Marion Oliver McCaw Hall
Museum of Pop Culture (MoPOP)
New Arena at Seattle Center
Opera Center
Pacific Science Center
Seattle Center Monorail
Seattle Children's Museum
Space Needle

EDUCATION

Academy of Interactive
Entertainment
The Center School
Cornish College of the Arts

FESTIVALS

Bite of Seattle
Bumbershoot®
Northwest Folklife Festival
Seattle International Film Festival
Seattle PrideFest

SEATTLE CENTER PROGRAMS

Community Created Events
Concerts at the Mural
Festál Cultural Festivals
Fitness Programs
Movies at the Mural
Seattle/King County Clinic
Winterfest