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Austin Reggae Festival Cancelled for 2020

Event to return in 2021 in its support of the Central Texas Food Bank

Austin, TX, March 16, 2020 – The [Austin Reggae Festival](#) has been cancelled for 2020 in compliance with the prohibition on public gatherings of 250 people or more in Austin-Travis County. The annual event, which is one of the [Central Texas Food Bank's](#) largest fund raisers, had been scheduled for April 17th through April 19st.

The festival has raised up to \$200,000 per year to help fight hunger in Central Texas and will create a significant revenue shortfall for the Food Bank at a time when the organization is strapped for resources as a result of its response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“The Austin Reggae Festival is a great Austin tradition that has been incredibly generous to the Food Bank for decades,” said Derrick Chubbs, President and CEO of the Central Texas Food Bank. “Even if we weren’t in a pandemic situation, a loss like this would be devastating for us. It’s made even worse at this time because of the extraordinary measures we’re taking to keep feeding those in need—a number that is bound to increase as more people find themselves unable to work or staying home to take care of loved ones.”

“Over the last ten years, the event has raised more than \$1,000,000 for the Food Bank, which is equivalent to four million meals,” said festival producer Pat Costigan. “We’re saddened by the need to cancel this year’s festival, but look forward to continuing our support of the Food Bank by coming back better than ever with Austin Reggae Festival 2021.”

Festival patrons who bought advance tickets will receive full refunds via Eventbrite. Refunds will go directly to the credit card of the patron who purchased the ticket or tickets.

Stay in touch with the latest news on the [2021 Austin Reggae Festival](#), set for Friday, April 16 through Sunday, April 18 at www.austinreggaefest.com or call the festival hotline at 512-684-2555. And be sure to follow the event’s social media channels:

<https://www.facebook.com/AustinReggaeFest/>

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ABOUT THE CENTRAL TEXAS FOOD BANK

The mission of Central Texas Food Bank is to nourish hungry people and lead the community in the fight against hunger.

Founded in 1981, the Food Bank provides food and grocery products through a network of nearly 300 Partner Agencies and nutrition programs, serving nearly 46,000 people every week. Headquartered in Austin, the Food Bank serves 21 counties in Central Texas, an area about twice the size of Massachusetts. For more information on the Food Bank and its programs, visit centraltexasfoodbank.org.