**EVENT CANCELLATION ADVISORY**

Navy Pier Cancels Holi Celebration Due to Coronavirus Concerns

WHAT: Due to rising concerns related to the potential community spread of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) at high-volume events, and out of an abundance of precaution, Navy Pier has canceled this Saturday’s Holi celebration, which typically expects around 3,000 guests. This determination was based on discussions with local Indian community leaders and partner organizations for this event, and the decision is in line with the measures recommended and taken by the City of Chicago’s Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Please note that while this particular event has been canceled in anticipation of a high volume of guests and to ensure public health safety at large-scale events in the current climate, Navy Pier is continuing its standard daily operations and has been taking appropriate measures—as recommended by the CDC and local agencies—to ensure the safety and well-being of its guests on a regular basis.

Navy Pier continues to invite and encourage guests to visit and experience its many Pier-wide offerings—from dining, retail and attractions, to theater productions, museum activities and free cultural programming. Please take the time to review CDC guidelines and use them as a practical guide for continuing to actively explore and enjoy the Pier and the city.

Navy Pier’s full statement regarding COVID-19 can be viewed here.

WHEN: Originally scheduled for Saturday, March 14, 2020 | 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

WHERE: Navy Pier | 600 E. Grand Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611

BACKGROUND: Holi—the third and final event of the Pier’s annual three-part series, Global Connections Presented by ComEd—was scheduled for Saturday, March 14 from 1 – 5 p.m. in the Aon Grand Ballroom and East End Plaza. The popular celebration would have featured live music, dance performances, Indian cuisine, as well as a traditional color powder throwing ceremony in honor of the “Festival of Color,” commonly celebrated in India, Nepal and other Hindu regions and communities.

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