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## **ATLANTA PRIDE CANCELS IN-PERSON EVENTS FOR 2021**

### ***The Atlanta Pride Committee Makes Difficult Decision after Delta Surge***

**ATLANTA (August 25, 2021)** — Amid the exponential COVID-19 case growth in Georgia and the ongoing public health emergency, The Atlanta Pride Committee (APC) announced that they have canceled the Atlanta Pride Festival and Parade scheduled for October 9-10, 2021.

The Board of Directors along with the Executive Director, Jamie Ferguson, consulted with Atlanta Pride Medical Directors, Dr. Jason Schneider, and Dr. Eliot Blum, as well as renowned and internationally respected public health expert Dr. Carlos del Rio, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, leaders of local hospital systems, and other public health officials. After these consultations a review of public health data and confirming the City of Atlanta's moratorium on issuing Class 'A' permits, the organization made the difficult decision to cancel the 2021 Atlanta Pride Festival and Parade.

As recorded cases of COVID-19 have increased more than ten-fold (10X) in Georgia since July 1<sup>st</sup> and The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) recommends avoiding large events and gatherings, the City of Atlanta has maintained its [moratorium](#) on events for over 50,000 attendees. In recent years the Atlanta Pride Celebration brought over 350,000 people together for Atlanta Pride weekend. With the knowledge that we are unable to secure permitting for an event of our size and with the [expectation that the Delta surge will continue for weeks ahead](#), APC makes this decision with a heavy heart.

Our mission statement speaks to our goal to advance wellness in our community, and we take that commitment seriously. Many LGBTQ+ individuals live with physical and mental health concerns while often facing barriers accessing care and in finding affirming care in their communities. Although we are saddened by this decision, we are confident that this is the right decision for the health and wellness of the community.

In the interim, we ask everyone to do their part by getting vaccinated, wearing a mask, and to follow all public health guidance so we can gather together for the Atlanta Pride Celebration in 2022.

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