COVID-19 & PRIDE: WHAT YOU NEED TO PLAN AND DO*



I. Establish a Coronavirus Advisory/Response Team

- a. Select Your Team Members
 - i. Executive Director
 - ii. Community Relations
 - iii. Media/PR
 - iv. Sponsors
 - v. Operations
- b. Assign Tasks/Areas of Responsibility
- c. Set up Intial and Subsequent Meetings

II. Create a Trigger Timeline for Canceling or Postponing

- a. Absolute Latest Date for Signing Contracts
- b. Sponsor Fulfillment or Sponsor Refunds
- c. Notices to the Public
- d. Who Makes the Final Decision?
- e. When Is D-Day? Decision Made in Concert with...
 - i. Mayor
 - ii. City Health Department

III. Funding and Financial Risk

- a. Insurance Will Not Cover Coronavirus/Cannot Be Written In
- b. Add No Refund Clause to Pride Contracts with Sponsors and Participants
 - i. Think of other options, so they do not feel taken advantage of
- c. What Amount of Loss Can You Manage?
- d. Leverage Support Do Your Sponsors Really Want to be Seen as Damaging You?
- e. Merchandise/Logos Create Without Dates?
- f. Product Buy-Back
 - i. Beverages

IV. Ancillary Actions

- a. Medical Issues
 - i. Set Up Quarantine Area Onsite
 - ii. Set Up Special COVID-19 Procedures for During Event
 - iii. Arrangement with Local Transport/Hospitals
- b. Hold off Publicity about Entertainment or Official Events
 - i. Be Honest in Our Concerns
 - ii. Point Out That We're Not Just a Street Fair or Festival, We Educate, Support

V. What to Watch?

- a. Ireland's Cancellation of St. Patrick's Day Patrick
- b. Austin, TX South by Southwest Musical Festival (SXSW)
- c. Other Pride Cancellations/Postponements (LA Pride, South Florida)
- d. Monitor Growth of Virus and Hot Spots

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