



March 16th, 2020

Following the recent announcement confirming the first case of COVID 19 in the Bahamas, The Bahamas Public Parks and Public Beaches Authority Executive Chairman, Mr. Shanendon Cartwright, announced that permits for organized public gatherings have been suspended until further notice. We know that COVID 19 is highly contagious. Large social events can contribute to the spread of COVID 19 by person to person contact from affected individuals unintentionally introducing the virus to others leading to community spread. Therefore, in accordance with this new government mandate, the executive team of Bahamas Masqueraders Carnival Band will postpone our upcoming public events scheduled on our Carnival 2020 calendar until we are notified otherwise. For now, these events include SOCA SAMPLA, GLOW FETE and SOCA, SUN, SAND & SEA SAILAWAY scheduled for March 20th, 2020, March 27th, 2020 and April 13th, 2020 respectively. Tickets already purchased for GLOW FETE will be honored when the event is rescheduled.

Bahamas Masqueraders remains committed to adhering to safety guidelines which protect our brand, our sponsors, the wider community and you our valued masqueraders. This coronavirus pandemic is rapidly evolving and remains a complicated circumstance that reminds us all of our social responsibility, in this global society, to be our brother's keeper. We provide assurances that we will continue to coordinate with public health, government officials and our local infectious disease experts to safeguard the health and well-being of the Bahamas Masqueraders family and to determine safe protocols for resuming our events. We are grateful for your understanding.

In the coming weeks, our organization will issue regular statements as pertinent information becomes available. We remain guided by notifications from the Government of The Bahamas, The Ministry of Health, and The Bahamas Carnival Band Association. Please continue to follow The Bahamas Masqueraders group on our social media platforms, Facebook and Instagram and on our website www.bahamasmasqueraders.com for the latest news, updates and accurate information regarding frequently asked questions. You may also contact us via email at Bahmasmedia@gmail.com. Let's keep ourselves, family and community safe.

Sincerely

Bahamas Masqueraders Executive Management Team