

## **International Fastener Expo Announces Cancellation of 2020 Expo**

Since 1981, the International Fastener Expo (IFE) has brought the entire fastener industry together at one time and one place. Each year, the community gathers at the show to see customers and vendors, network with colleagues, and source new products and suppliers. We heard our community and deeply appreciate the consistent feedback which has enabled us to continually improve IFE year after year and remain the #1 Fastener Expo in North America.

Driven by our responsibility to serve your best interests, we regret to announce that we are cancelling this year's International Fastener Expo, which was scheduled to take place September 28-30, 2020, at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Recent developments have made it impossible to bring our community together safely and successfully. This is due to the ongoing progression of the COVID-19 pandemic, including the latest government data, measures, and guidelines on the phased reopening plans in the U.S.; the number of confirmed cases worldwide and domestically; current quarantines, containment areas, stay at home orders, and restrictions on congregating and large gatherings imposed by states and other government and public health authorities; the inability of IFE's international community to travel to the show due to travel restrictions and bans; and the various company-imposed travel restrictions on employees affecting attendees and participating companies. The health and safety of our customers, partners, and employees remains of paramount concern to us.

Though we won't get to see you in person this year, our team is committed to finding new ways to keep the industry connected and we are in the process of launching an IFE Online Experience. Our goal is to provide a platform where you can virtually meet customers you have been missing all year, have access to a proven match-making program, and learn from industry leaders and about current trends. Please expect more updates on this in coming weeks.

We are also confirmed to return to the Mandalay Bay Convention Center in Las Vegas next year on September 21-23, 2021. We are excited to welcome you to the International Fastener Expo 2021!

Thank you for your continued support and for being a valued member of the International Fastener Expo community.