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**Show Update** | October 15, 2020

## **Chicago 2021 is Cancelled; Looking ahead to the 2022 AHR Expo in Las Vegas**

After exhausting all possibilities to tentatively reschedule the Show for March 2021, we regret to announce today the forced cancellation of the 2021 AHR Expo in Chicago. With roadblocks set in place by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and resulting current state and local restrictions that prohibit mass gatherings over 50 people, an in-person event will not take place in 2021. Instead, we'll shift our focus to 2022 and prepare for an in-person event in Las Vegas, NV.

We know how much the HVACR community looks to AHR Expo to kick off the year's business momentum, launch never-before-seen new products and services, and to secure valuable networking contacts for the year ahead. We believe in the value of an in-person event experience as an important means to discover, explore, develop and advance the HVACR industry together as a community.

With this in mind, we now turn our attention to welcoming you in Las Vegas January 31st - February 2nd for the 2022 AHR Expo. We eagerly look forward to hosting you once again for the in-person experience you've come to expect -- three days of networking, access to HVACR's top suppliers and distributors, a floor packed with exhibitors and exciting new products and services, an education program hosted by our industry associations and the overall energizing visit with the entire HVACR community we are accustomed to.

We want to extend our sincere thanks for the support and dedication of so many industry members eager to participate.

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## **FAQ**

### **Why has the 2021 AHR Expo been cancelled?**

Despite all efforts to accommodate planning in regard to the current COVID-19 pandemic, there are barriers that remain outside of our control that could not be resolved in time to move forward with hosting an in-person event of this size. This is a forced cancellation due to the challenges presented by the pandemic, as well as current state and local restrictions that prohibit mass gatherings of more than 50 people.

### **Who made the decision to cancel?**

This is a forced cancellation. Show Management, along with co-sponsors, AHRI and ASHRAE, reviewed current state and local restrictions for hosting mass gatherings in Chicago, as well as challenges presented by COVID-19.

### **I am an exhibitor, what happens to my contracted fees that have already been paid?**

Show Management will reach out directly to our registered 2021 exhibitors to discuss a resolution for the 2021 AHR Expo booth payments. Exhibitors will be able to select from the following options\*:

A ) Roll over the 2021 AHR Expo deposit to the 2022 Las Vegas Show. Note: exhibitors electing to roll over will receive a 1 year credit towards their seniority and years exhibited for the 2022 space assignments.

B ) Receive a refund of the 2021 AHR Expo deposit. Note: exhibitors electing to receive a refund will not receive the 1 year credit towards their seniority and years exhibited for the 2022 space assignments.

\*Exhibitors must submit requests in writing to *International Exposition Company* indicating the preferred option (Option A or Option B listed above) within 30 days of the formal announcement of the cancellation (October 15, 2020) of the 2021 AHR Expo. Failure to meet these requirements will result in the automatic rollover of all payments remitted by the exhibitor for 2021 AHR Expo exhibit space to apply towards the cost of the exhibitor's 2022 AHR Expo exhibit space. Exhibitors who elected to cancel prior to October 15, 2020 are not eligible for this offer.

### **Why not just move the Show to another city and venue?**

Restrictions on mass gatherings are also in place in most hosting cities, not just Chicago. In addition, venues are selected and Show dates are assigned by the venue up to 5 years in advance. Due to the many event postponements that have occurred already due to COVID-19, many venues have a waiting list for bookings.

### **I have registered as an attendee, do I need to cancel my registration?**

No, all current registrations are free of charge and will be voided automatically. We'll reach out by email when registration opens for the 2022 AHR Expo in Las Vegas. Registration is expected to open in the summer of 2021.

### **Do I need to cancel my hotel reservation?**

If you booked your hotel accommodation through our official partner, onPeak, your reservation has been canceled and there is no additional action needed. If you booked your reservation independently, you will need to contact the hotel or provider directly to cancel.

### **I have booked a flight to Chicago, how do I cancel?**

AHR Expo is not responsible for flight arrangements or airfare. You will need to contact your airline directly to make changes to your flight reservations.

### **Will there be a virtual event?**

We currently do not have any virtual experiences scheduled at this time. We will continue to explore ways that we may connect with you digitally in the year ahead. Please continue to check [ahrexpo.com](http://ahrexpo.com) and our social channels for real time updates.

### **When and where is AHR Expo 2022?**

The 2022 AHR Expo will be held January 31 - February 2, 2022 at the Las Vegas Convention Center in Las Vegas, Nevada. Attendee registration is expected to open in the summer of 2021. If you are interested in becoming a 2022 exhibitor, please [click here](#).