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On March 11th, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 a “pandemic,” labeling it a global disease outbreak. The Coronavirus is one of the most malignant viruses yet. The virus spreads easily, and more alarmingly fast. [Studies suggest](#) that COVID-19 can remain in the air for up to three hours, and live on surfaces such as plastic and stainless steel for up to three days.

BUKU Music + Art Festival just announced that it will not be proceeding due to growing health concerns regarding [coronavirus](#).



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The festival was originally set to take place on March 20- 21, 2020, i.e. next weekend. Unfortunately, the coronavirus has progressed much faster than anticipated, causing an unfavorable amount of upheaval in the music industry. The BUKU Project and its team invested great efforts to keep the celebration mortal. However, the decision was out of their hands. Yesterday morning, BUKU received notice from the Mayor of New Orleans ordering that the event cannot proceed. On a positive side, officials did state that BUKU will be working on rescheduling to take place this Labor Day Weekend.

BUKU adds to the list of anticipated festivals affected by the coronavirus: [Coachella](#), [Stagecoach](#), [Tomorrowland Winter](#), [Ultra Miami](#), and [Rampage Open Air](#). These festivals are known to bring hundreds to thousands of people merging from all areas of the globe. The cancelations are in the best interest of everyone’s safety, especially with growing information on the coronavirus’s capabilities.



Dear BUKREWE

Alright, let's just get to it because y'all are tough and can handle it...

This morning we received notice from the Mayor of New Orleans' office that BUKU cannot take place next weekend due to COVID-19 concerns. It's a tough pill to swallow, but we respect their decision, and instead of crying we've been planning... fast. With the help of so many people, and motivated by the vision of y'all dancing and headbanging, we are rescheduling BUKU 2020 to take place over Labor Day weekend.

All current ticket purchases will be honored for the rescheduled September dates and tickets will go back on sale soon. Purchasers will be notified by the end of next week on how to obtain a refund if they are unable to attend. We appreciate your patience while we sort all of the information so it's clear and concise for you next week.

Now that the basics are out the way, let us get intimate with y'all for a bit...

The last 36 hours has been a rollercoaster of emotions and planning... from a "F* Coronal" confidence that BUKU and New Orleans were going to dodge this thing, then to a hopeful uncertainty while we planned for every possible scenario, then a sullen acceptance of the harsh reality of the situation last night, and now a calm assumption of our responsibility to do the right thing as curators of public gatherings.**

No doubt, this sucks. But we are at peace with the Mayor's decision because we love you guys and genuinely care about your health and well-being. For 8 years, we've been preaching community and freedom, encouraging everyone to be supportive of each other and to live with an openness and nonconformity that defines the BUKU experience. Being forced to postpone will allow us to better cultivate that carefree BUKU vibe, so we are moving forward excited to plan for September when we'll be able to properly party with the level of litness, health and freedom that we all deserve.

Until then, stay tuned for more information in the coming days and weeks, follow the guidelines and protocols put forth by public health officials, and take care of yourself. Thank you so much for your continued support.

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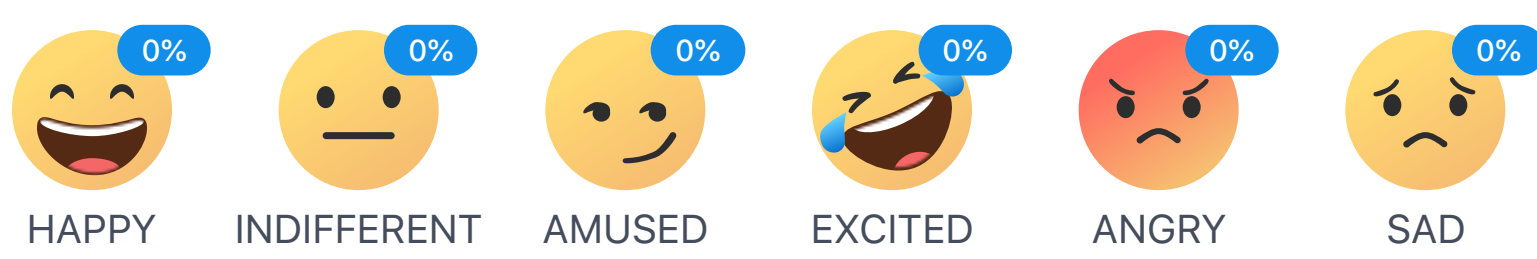
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Statement from BUKU

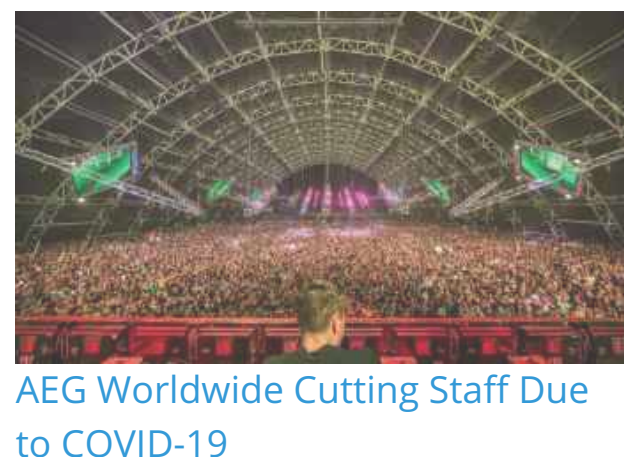
BUKU released the statement yesterday on [social media](#). Nonetheless, the company handled it in a very positive fashion. The message expressed personal concern to the attendees. “Instead of crying, we are planning...fast,” BUKU reassured fans. BUKU also shared that the festival will be coming back Labor Day weekend 2020. The message also stated that even though what’s happening is very unfortunate, their team will value this time to fetch new and creative ideas. Refunds will also be offered to those who are unable to attend in the fall.

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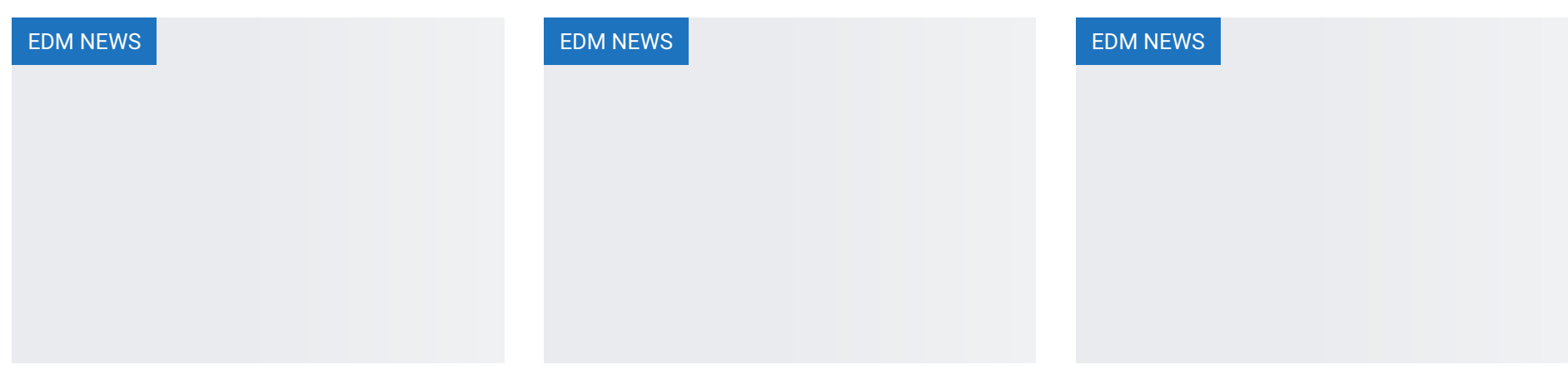
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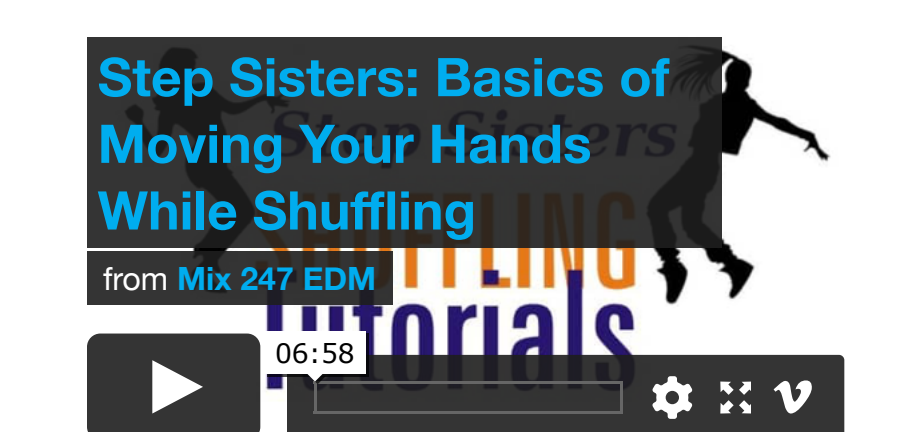


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