

# Annapolis Pride Parade and Festival postponed to 2022 due to COVID concerns

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The Annapolis Pride Parade and Festival, which had been scheduled for Oct. 30, will be postponed to next year, organizers said, citing COVID-19 concerns.

"We were hopeful that we could come together in person to celebrate in October, but with the resurgence of the COVID pandemic and stalling vaccination rates, in combination with the fact that children under 12 cannot be vaccinated at this time, the risk to the community is just too high," Annapolis Pride founder and board chair Jeremy Browning said.

The parade is now scheduled to take place Saturday, June 4, 2022. Participants' registration will roll over to the new date and anyone unable to attend then may request a refund, according to a news release. Organizers will check with registered participants and communicate with volunteers in the coming weeks.

Annapolis Pride is a volunteer-run, grassroots nonprofit that advocates for the LGBTQ+ community all year round. Browning said the organization will still host small in-person events, vaccine clinics and virtual events this fall.

Browning encouraged people to get the vaccine to stop COVID-19 and the Delta variant.