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**UMOS CANCELS PARADE AND FESTIVAL**

For the second year in a row, UMOs has cancelled its annual UMOs Mexican Independence Parade and Festival. The event was scheduled for September 12.

The event is cancelled due to continued precautions being taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19,” says Lupe Martinez, President/CEO, UMOs.

In 2019, UMOs set a record in terms of the number of parade participants, festival attendees and carnival rides. “We are disappointed that the community will not be able to take part in the parade and festival again this year, however, we must first consider the health and safety of the community, as well as our staff and volunteers.”

In 2009, UMOs cancelled the Cinco de Mayo SpringFest due to the swine flu epidemic.

In 2020, UMOs partnered with the City of Milwaukee’s Health Department to test over 115,000 residents for COVID-19 in the UMOs Center parking lot. In 2021, UMOs partnered with State Representative Sylvia Ortiz-Velez, Walgreens, and Anthem to provide free vaccines to over 1100 south side residents.

“We are hopeful we will be able to resume the parade and festival next year,” Martinez concluded.

**For up-to-date information on the August 7 UMOs Back to School Fair and other 2021 events, check the UMOs website at [www.umos.org](http://www.umos.org) or call Carmen Lerma at 414-389-6002.**

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