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MEGADETH CANCELS CONCERT DATES

Including their Illinois State Fair stop

SPRINGFIELD, IL – **Megadeth** has cancelled most of their shows for 2019 due to a throat cancer diagnoses for front man Dave Mustaine. The heavy metal band, who was set to open the State Fair on August 9th provided this statement from Mustaine:

“I’ve been diagnosed with throat cancer. It’s clearly something to be respected and faced head on - but I’ve faced obstacles before. I’m working closely with my doctors, and we’ve mapped out a treatment plan which they feel has a 90% success rate. Treatment has already begun.

Unfortunately, this requires that we cancel most shows this year. The 2019 Megacruise will happen, and the band will be a part of it in some form. All up to date information will be at megadeth.com as we get it. Megadeth will be back on the road ASAP.

Meanwhile, Kiko, David, Dirk and I are in the studio, working on the follow up to Dystopia – which I can’t wait for everyone to hear.

I’m so thankful for my whole team – family, doctors, band members, trainers, and more.

I’ll keep everyone posted.

See you soon,

Dave Mustaine”

“While we are obviously disappointed that Megadeth won’t be playing the Illinois State Fair, our main concern is for Dave Mustaine,” said Kevin Gordon, Illinois State Fair Manager. “We wish him a full recovery and look forward to having Megadeth back to the Illinois State Fair in the future.”

Customers that purchased their tickets directly through www.Ticketmaster.com or through the Ticketmaster mobile app, will receive an automatic refund back to the card used to purchase the tickets. Customers who purchased their tickets through Illinois State Fair in-person or over the phone, will need to submit a Cancellation Refund Form with their physical tickets attached. Refunds will not be issued without the physical tickets. A refund will be issued in the

form of a check, regardless of the form of payment utilized to purchase the tickets, after the form and tickets have been received. Cancellation refund form, for customers that purchased through Illinois State Fair box office directly, can be found on the website at www.illinoisstatefair.info

Tickets for both the concert and pre-show party will be refunded.

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