

James Beard Foundation

UPDATE REGARDING THE JAMES BEARD AWARDS UPCOMING NOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT

The James Beard Foundation continues to monitor and respond to the rapidly evolving COVID-19 pandemic and given the environment, the organization and its partners at VISIT PHILADELPHIA® have decided to postpone the James Beard Awards Nominee Announcement, originally scheduled for Wednesday, March 25. This is in addition to the postponement of the annual awards ceremonies to summer 2020, which was announced last week. When new dates are selected for all events, they will be announced formally via the James Beard Foundation website and social media. The time will come to acknowledge and celebrate our industry but now, more than ever, our focus is to use our voice and platform as a resource for our community to face the current challenges that exist as a result of this crisis.

The James Beard Foundation will host a webinar tomorrow, March 17, at 11:00am EST for chefs and restaurateurs, to discuss the measures we're seeing from other chefs around the country, as well as possible avenues of relief that could come at both the state and federal level as the community struggles with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Register for the webinar [here](#). The Foundation is also surveying the industry to determine priorities for relief. The industry survey can be accessed [here](#). For additional resources and information please visit the [James Beard Foundation website](#).

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