## Press release – Fête du Citron® cancelled

The evolution of the public health situation in Italy has led the Mayor of Menton, in accordance with the Precautionary Principle, to the decision to cancel the remaining events of the 87th Fête du Citron® (Lemon Festival).

This decision became inevitable with an increase in the number of confirmed cases among our friends and neighbours from across the Alps, coupled with the fact that a significant number of Menton's festival-goers are also visitors to the Nice Carnival, which itself has been cancelled.

While the economic fallout for the town is regrettable, especially with the initial figures suggesting an unprecedented number of visitors to the festival this year, the Precautionary Principle must prevail in the context of risk to public health.

The last parades (including the fireworks display) planned on 27th February and 1st March are, therefore, cancelled, as are the usual light displays, art & craft show, orchid festival and citrus fruit exhibitions.

For any questions, the public can contact the Tourist Office on the following number: +33 (0)4 92 41 76 76, or by email at: <a href="mailto:tourisme@ville-menton.fr">tourisme@ville-menton.fr</a>

The Municipality of Menton would like to thank everyone who contributed to this year's celebrations, including our visitors. Thanks to them, the 2020 festival has been a successful one, and we look forward to their renewed participation in 2021.