

## Sony will launch 'The Last of Us Part II' in June after parts of video game leaked online

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Sony announced it will release the highly-anticipated video game The Last of Us Part II in June after development studio Naughty Dog confirmed parts of the game were leaked online.



In a statement Tuesday, Sony said the <u>video game</u>, which takes place in the US following a pandemic outbreak, will launch on June 19 for PlayStation 4. Earlier this month, Sony postponed the <u>game</u>'s release indefinitely due to the coronavirus outbreak.

Hermen Hulst, head of worldwide studios at Sony Interactive Entertainment, noted an "ease in the global distribution environment" linked to the coronavirus pandemic.

Sony also revealed the upcoming action game Ghost of Tsushima, developed by studio Sucker Punch Productions, will release July 17.

"Both teams have worked hard to deliver world-class experiences, and we can't wait to see what you think of them when they release in just a few short months," said Hulst in a statement.

Not long after Monday's announcement, Naughty Dog confirmed in a statement portions of The Last of Us Part II leaked online. According to video game site Polygon, videos posted online purportedly show the full game.

"It's disappointing to see the release and sharing of pre-release footage from development," said the studio in a statement posted on Twitter. "Do your best to avoid spoilers and we ask that you don't spoil it for others."

The critically-acclaimed The Last of Us, released for the PlayStation 3 in 2013, features a survivor of a fungal-based outbreak who guides a teenage girl across the US in hopes of finding a cure.

"Heartbroken for the team. Heartbroken for our fans," said Neil Druckmann, vice president of Naughty Dog, in a post on Twitter addressing the leaks of the sequel. "We're still incredibly excited to get



the game into your hands."

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