

2021 Home and Garden Show

COVID-19 Mitigation Plan



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General Fair Procedures

- There will be no Senior Citizens Day
- Security will be onsite from 2pm until close each day
- Daily safety meeting will take place each morning at 11:30 AM and we will discuss issues from the day before and discuss events, risk, and weather for the day of.
- Hand Sanitizer stations of 60% alcohol will be added to all areas other than where the livestock is located. This is because hand sanitizer is not approved for E. coli. As we have done in the past, we will have additional hand washing stations available in these areas.
- Frequency of cleaning touch points areas will be increased in every area of the grounds, but keep in mind we already did a high frequency of touch points in the livestock area.
- All Staff will have their temperature taken at the beginning of each shift. If any staff members feel ill or have a fever they will be asked to leave and not return until symptom and fever free for 72 hours. We will request outside vendors and concessionaires to do the same.
- Ticketing covered under separate document.
- Grandstand covered under separate document.
- Livestock covered under a separate document.
- Carnival-Midway covered under separate document.
- Indoor procedures covered under separate document.
- Outdoor procedures covered under separate document

Entrance Gates Procedures

- There will be clear markings at each gate for entrance and exit lanes to reduce people crossing paths.
- Mark the ground every 6' for ticketing lines.
- All Staff will wear gloves and a mask.
- Ticket stations will have a plexiglass barrier with a small opening at the bottom.
- All advertising will promote online ticket sales to reduce person to person contact.
- Tickets will remain available online throughout the Fair and it will be advertised to reduce person to person contact.
- Highly touched surfaces will be wiped down frequently with approved CDC disinfectant.
- At Fair entrance we will post CDC approved signage about COVID-19 and encourage the use of masks, gloves, frequent hand washing, and social distancing.
- Hand sanitizer of 60% alcohol will be available at all stations for guests and staff to use.
- For same day re-entry we will not use hand stamps. Instead we will give the patron a wristband, that they must put on themselves in front of Staff, to reduce human to human contact.
- Staff will be stationed at each gate counting the number of people that enter and exit to keep an accurate count of occupancy.

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Livestock Show & Area Procedures

- All livestock are required to have health papers per State Department of Agriculture mandate.
- Signage will be placed throughout the barns regarding social distancing.
- We already place signage throughout the agricultural area about hand washing to educate the fair patrons about E. coli and place three hand wash stations with soap and water that are cleaned and monitored throughout the day and are cleaned, drained and restocked each morning before we are open. We do not use hand sanitizer around the livestock because it will not kill E. coli if you have it on your hands so it would be a false sense of protection.
- There are sinks, urinals and toilets in three different locations in the Arena and livestock barns. These have a dedicated cleaning crew that starts at 7 AM and leaves at 9 PM. Everything in this area of the Fairgrounds is shut down by 9PM.
- We spray all barns and the arena with Chlorhexidine to kill any E. coli before the fair starts and we spray Birkon each time a species leaves the barn. We will also be spraying the Arena seating with bleach and water mixed to CDC standards each night. Touch points will be wiped down frequently throughout the day.
- Agriculture Education Area
 - Static displays only, nothing interactive to eliminate multiple touch points
 - Change layout of building so that traffic flow would be one direction to eliminate multiple cross paths
 - Building doors open during operating hours to ensure airflow
 - Limited occupancy

- Kids Ag Camp
 - Limited number of participants and parents
 - No group activities, all individual
 - Snacks prepackaged
 - Seating spaced six feet apart minimum to allow social distancing
- Barns/Show Ring
 - Stalling
 - ☐ Small Animals
 - Tack pens on left side of animal pens
 - ☐ Equine
 - Stalling spaced with a stall between each family
 - Exhibitors not stalled across from each other
 - ☐ Cattle
 - No group stalling
 - Tack space on left side of stalling area
 - ☐ Poultry/Rabbits
 - During the judging we will only allow the judge, exhibitor and the superintendent at the judging table, everyone else must stay at least six away
 - Wash Rack
 - ☐ Small Animals
 - Limit number of wash pens to every other for social distancing
 - ☐ Equine
 - Designate wash rack
 - Limit number of handlers for social distancing
 - ☐ Cattle
 - Designate wash rack
 - Limit number of people for social distancing
 - Spectators
 - ☐ Small Animals
 - Limit every other row of seating
 - Limit each exhibitor to 2 family members watching
 - Limit any stalling around the show ring to allow spacing of spectators
 - ☐ Equine
 - Arena
 - Ticketed/counted event to ensure occupancy is met
 - Other Arena
 - Every other row available for seating
 - ☐ Cattle

- Arena
 - Counted event to ensure occupancy is met
 - No water fountains will be available
- Other Arena
 - Every other row available for seating
- Youth Livestock Facility
 - Every other row available for seating
- Rabbits
 - During the judging we will only allow the judge, exhibitor and the superintendent at the judging table, everyone else must stay at least six away
- Poultry
 - During the judging we will only allow the judge, exhibitor and the Superintendent at the judging table, everyone else must stay at least six away
- Show Ring
 - All
 - No ribbons distributed to limit contact
 - Numbers worn in all division for placing assistance
 - Limit class size to no more than 15 to allow for social distancing
 - Exhibitors/Judge/Ring help must socially distance
 - Staging Area/Line Up Area
 - Small Animals
 - One class allowed in line up area at a time
 - Instruct social distancing
 - Cattle
 - Number of classes allowed in area based on class sizes. No more than 20 head in make up area at one time
 - Numbers can be placed on arena fencing for social distancing
 - Equine
 - Social Distancing required in staging area
- Check-in
 - Exhibitors called to an area one at a time
- Weigh-in
 - Schedule weigh-ins to limit over crowding
- Photo Backdrops
 - Immediate family or no more than 4 non-family members

- Livestock Office
 - Limit occupancy. Only 2 exhibitors at the counter at one time. Everyone must wait outside on the designated markings
 - Hand sanitizer will be available in livestock office
 - Release will be hand delivered to the exhibitor's stalls
 - Class Schedules will be posted in each breeds barn
 - Office space already distanced
 - Superintendent Boxes
 - ☐ Disinfected after each show
 - ☐ Books disinfected upon receiving back and before going to next show
- Activities to eliminate:
 - Dairy Goat Fitting Contest
 - Dairy Cattle Judging Contest
 - All Exhibitor meetings including: Swine, Sheep, Dairy Goats, Draft Horse
 - All group meals
- Market Animal Shows/Youth Extravaganza
 - Broiler Show
 - ☐ Social Distancing for spectators
 - Exhibitor Meeting
 - ☐ Seating limited for social distancing (every other row)
 - ☐ No contest sign up
 - ☐ T-shirt pick up designed to allow social distancing
 - Weigh-in
 - ☐ Scheduled times for exhibitors to eliminate congestion
 - ☐ Locations away from stalling
 - Stockman's contest
 - ☐ Able to be held with alterations to spacing
 - Team Sales Contest
 - ☐ Eliminated
 - Shows implemented with Social distancing and guidelines described above
 - Livestock Judging Contest eliminated
 - Round Robin Showmanship contest eliminated
 - Awards Program held with many alterations with limited awards and social distancing
 - Immediate family or no more than 4 nonfamily members
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Carnival & Midway Procedures

The following policies have been adopted and agreed upon by Contracted Carnival Operator.

Contracted Carnival Operator will implement many strategies to help stop the spread of COVID-19. We believe these strategies will enable us to operate safely while providing guests with the fair midway experience they know and love. While many procedures will change and it will not be “business as usual”, we believe we can strike a prudent balance between safety and family fun. Contracted Carnival Operator will take the following steps during the Fair:

- Introduce touchless hand sanitizing areas of 60% alcohol throughout the midway and on enter/exit areas of each ride.
- Provide sanitizing wipes at each ride and various attractions and touch points.
- Employees will wear masks during all interactions with the public.
- When appropriate, following CDC guidelines, shields and temporary barriers will be used between employees and the public.
- All employees’ temperature will be checked before work shifts and they will not be allowed to work should they register a fever above 100.4 degrees.
- Wherever possible, we will minimize contact between employees and the public.
- Midways/Walkway areas will be 16 feet minimum to allow more space between people.
- Rides will be selected with social distancing and contact points in mind.
- Food stands will follow all CDC and health department guidelines as issued. No refills will be allowed, and all stands will have a glass front or Plexiglas at the ordering side.
- Games will also use strategies to maintain social distancing and minimize contact. Game touch points will be wiped after each use.
- Contracted Carnival Operator will deploy new signage to inform guests about availability of cleaning materials, new guidelines during the pandemic, and other new, important changes to their midway experience.
- Queue lines will include markers that are 6ft. apart so distancing can be maintained.
- Contracted Carnival Operator, will work with the Fair to develop pricing strategies to incentivize the spread of crowds throughout the day.
- Rides and frequently touched areas will be cleansed on a regular basis and rides deep cleaned at the end of each day.
- We will employ our website to inform guests of information and protocols prior to their visit to the event and Fair Website as well.
- Depending upon the then active phase of the City reopening guidelines or other applicable governmental requirements of opening defined by the Governor and the CDC, employees over 65 or those with co-morbidities will be given the option of furlough until conditions permit them to work again.
- Waiting lines for rides will be “pre-grouped” so that we can minimize contact with others not in their family group.
- Wristbands will be sold in advance, that the patron will put on themselves which eliminates handling as many tickets.

Contracted Carnival Operator has been active in developing mitigation strategies based upon “best practices” released by industry organizations as well as those promoted by similar industries such as amusement parks and large venues. Working under CDC guidelines and the directives of local government, we believe we have one of the most comprehensive strategies for protecting guests and employees alike which we will implement for the 2020 Fair.

Indoor Procedures General Store, Life and Arts and 4-H

- Doors are open and no ticket required to enter after you are on the Fairgrounds.
- Clickers will be stationed at each entry of the halls being used to keep occupancy under 50% of our current occupancy based on fire code.
- At entrance and in restrooms we will post CDC approved signage about COVID-19 and encourage the use of masks, gloves, frequent hand washing, and social distancing.
- Our restrooms in the two large halls are hands free at the sinks, stools, and urinals. There are no doors to open other than stall doors. We also provide hand sanitizer in the restrooms.
- There will be directional arrows down each aisle so that it is only one way as you go through the display booths.
- All aisles are eight plus feet in width.
- We will have plexiglass over the front of concession area with a 12-inch gap at the bottom.
- We will put marking every six feet in front of the concession areas.
- In cases where we put out concession tables, they will have only two chairs and will have six feet distancing. These tables will be disinfected frequently.
- We will not take drink cups back for refill, we will issue them a new cup when the customers ask for refills.
- All condiment pumps, napkins dispenser will no longer be available. Customers will get packets from the concession attendant.
- Water fountains will be covered if someone needs water, they can get an 8-ounce cup at the concession stand free of charge.
- All touch points will be wiped down frequently with CDC approved disinfectant.
- General Store will operate under the guidelines of the then active phase of the City reopening guidelines or other applicable governmental requirements in place during the time of the Fair.
- All lines whether checkout, entry etc. will be required to social distance six feet apart.
- Our vendor handbook rules require all vendors to stay in their booth, they are not allowed to go out and solicit customers outside of the booth.
- No sampling allowed unless approved by County Health Department.

- Cooking Stage will not handout samples, demonstration only. We will cut the chairs from 80 to 40 and space out to comply with social distancing in accordance with the then active phase of the City reopening guidelines or other applicable governmental requirements.
- We will highly recommend that all vendors, exhibitors, superintendents and volunteers wear gloves and face masks and wipe down touch points with approved CDC disinfectant frequently.

Indoor Procedures Commercial Vendors

- Doors are open and no ticket required to enter after you are on the Fairgrounds.
- Clickers will be stationed at each entry of the halls being used to keep occupancy under 50% of our current occupancy based on fire code.
- At entrance and in restrooms we will post CDC approved signage about COVID-19 and encourage the use of masks, gloves, frequent hand washing, and social distancing.
- Our restrooms in the two large halls are hands free at the sinks, stools, and urinals. There are no doors to open other than stall doors. We also provide hand sanitizer of 60% alcohol in the restrooms.
- There will be directional arrows down each aisle so that it is only one way as you go through the display booths.
- We will have Plexiglas over the front of concession area with a 12-inch gap at the bottom.
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- All lines whether checkout, entry etc. will be required to social distance six feet apart.
- Our vendor handbook rules require all vendors to stay in their booth, they are not allowed to go out and solicit customers to come to their booth.

- No sampling allowed unless approved by County Health Department.
- We will highly recommend that all vendors wear gloves and face mask in addition to cleaning touch points with approved CDC disinfectant frequently.

Outside Procedures

Food & Commercial Vendors

- All outdoor concession stands will have plexiglass barriers with a small opening at the bottom.
- Segregated entrance lines to the ordering window with separate exit.
- There will be markings on the ground every six feet where lines would form.
- All Staff will be required to wear masks, vendors outside of Staff will be highly encouraged to wear masks.
- All touch points will be wiped down frequently with approved CDC disinfectant.
- Sanitizer stations will be available throughout the Fairgrounds for patron and staff use.