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Fairs and Animal Exhibitions

Universal Recommended Best Practices

Masking

- If you are not fully vaccinated* against COVID-19, wearing a mask that covers the nose, mouth, and chin will help protect yourself and others. You should wear a mask when:
 - In any indoor location that is not a residence.
 - Outdoors, if it is not possible to consistently maintain a distance of 6 feet or more between people who live in different homes/households.
 - Riding, driving, or operating public transportation, or a taxi, car service, or ride sharing vehicle. (This does not apply to members of a household sharing a private or rental vehicle.)
- Regardless of vaccination status, you may be asked to wear a mask in a health care setting.
- If you are fully vaccinated,* you may be asked to wear a mask in certain situations, such as when traveling on public transportation.
- A mask should never be worn by/placed on anyone who:
 - Is younger than 2.
 - Cannot remove it without assistance.
 - Risks choking if wearing a mask.
 - Is sleeping/napping.
 - Is living with a medical condition that makes it unsafe to wear a mask. This includes respiratory conditions that restrict breathing, mental health conditions, or disabilities.
 - Is swimming. (Wet masks can cause difficulty breathing.)
 - Risks workplace health, safety, or job duty if wearing a mask.

Congregating, Social Distanc- ing, and Sanitizing

- If you are not fully vaccinated:*
 - Maintain at least 6 feet of distancing from others when possible.
 - Avoid gathering in groups with other unvaccinated individuals when possible.
 - If you gather with other unvaccinated individuals, maintain groups of no more than 10 people, separated from other groups by at least 6 feet.
- For everyone:
 - Regularly clean high-touch surfaces.
 - Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use hand sanitizer frequently.
 - Watch out for any symptoms of COVID-19. If you have fever, cough, or other signs of COVID-19, stay home and away from others.

Persons with COVID-19 or Exposure to Someone with COVID-19

- Anyone with signs or symptoms of COVID-19 should stay away from others and seek medical care if necessary.
- If possible, individuals with symptoms should get tested for COVID-19.
- If you have or likely have COVID-19, isolate from others for at least 10 days.
- Your local health district may contact you to obtain more information and to contact individuals who may be considered close contacts.
- If you are exposed to COVID-19 and not fully vaccinated,* quarantine as recommended by the local health district. Optimal quarantine is 14 days but, if recommended by the local health district, may be reduced to seven days if a viral test collected on or after day five has come back negative.
- If you are fully vaccinated,* quarantine or testing after exposure is generally not necessary unless symptoms develop.
 - There are some exceptions for specific settings. Always follow the direction of the local health district.

Other recommended best practices for fairs and animal exhibitions

General

- Consider conducting events in a manner that discourages individuals from standing or sitting close together in buildings or other parts of the grounds or premises.
- Where possible, consider providing one-way traffic in buildings or other areas where doing so will allow people to maintain social distancing.
- Make hand sanitizer and sanitizing products readily available throughout the site for employees and patrons.
- Consider routine disinfection of high-contact surfaces.
- Consider designating with signage, tape, or other means 6-foot spacing for to allow for social distancing in lines
- Where possible, consider posting clearly visible signage at all entrances, with the recommendation that anyone who is not fully vaccinated* wear a mask and practice social distancing. Signage is available for download on the [Posters and Signs page at coronavirus.ohio.gov](#). If printing assistance is required, contact the Ohio Department of Health Call Center at 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

Buildings/ Indoor Facilities

- At indoor events with fixed seating, consider limiting the number of individuals to allow for groups of 10 or fewer people and 6 feet of social distancing between groups for those who may not be fully vaccinated.*
- Consider maximizing ventilation, including opening doors and windows, and employing filtration of MERV 13 or higher.

Physical Contact

- Consider asking organizers, managers, staff, volunteers, exhibitors, vendors, patrons, and participants to avoid gathering in groups and attempt to maintain social distancing if they are not fully vaccinated.*
- Consider asking patrons, participants, and judges to avoid physical contact with others and refrain from shaking hands, “high-fives,” etc. if they are not fully vaccinated.*

Exhibitions, Competitions, and Auctions

- When possible, consider asking participants, spectators, and judges to maintain a distance of 6 feet or more if they are not fully vaccinated.*
- Consider giving viewing priority to family members of participants.
- Consider asking families to sit together in the viewing area if not fully vaccinated*, with 6 feet between families.
- Consider sanitizing microphones after each speaker/user.
- Consider options for virtual participation in exhibitions, competitions, and auctions.

Amusement rides

- Where a box office/will call window does not already have a glass partition between ticketing staff and patrons, consider installing a physical barrier to reduce potential exposure.
- If possible, consider using contact-free ticketing to eliminate box office congestion.
- Amusement rides should comply with all orders of the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

Food and Beverages

- If food and beverages are served:
 - Provide access to handwashing supplies or hand sanitizer near food venues.
 - Consider designating areas for tables, with no more than 10 people for table and tables spaced at least 6 feet apart, for food and drink consumption.
 - Consider asking attendees to remain seated when food and drink is consumed.

NOTE: Employers, businesses, organizations, and event organizers may choose to require masking, social distancing, and/or other COVID-19 mitigation measures.

*You are fully vaccinated if at least two weeks have passed since you received the second shot of a two-dose vaccine (Moderna, Pfizer) or since you received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson & Johnson).