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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 Distancing, 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.
- 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).