

Responsible RestartOhio

County and Independent Fairs



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Participation, Ticketing, and Curfew

- For fairs beginning on or after July 31, 2020, participation is limited to those who are part of 4-H, FFA, or other youth organizations.
- Permitted are junior livestock shows, as defined in Ohio Administrative Code Section 901-19-01(U), and youth exhibits that promote agricultural and household manufacturing interests.
 - Fair boards must work closely with local boards of health.
 - All fairs and exhibitions must comply with all public health orders in effect at the time of the fair or exhibition.
- Fairgrounds must have a 10 p.m. curfew during the period of the junior fair.
 - Non-camping participants are expected to leave the fairgrounds by that time.
 - If camping on site, participants must be in their campers no later than 10 p.m.
 - If a judging or auction event continues past 10 p.m., participants and spectators are expected to leave the fairgrounds no later than 30 minutes after the event concludes.

Recommended Best Practices

- Use advanced ticket sales.
- Use cashless transactions at entrances, gates, and other areas where items and services are purchased.

Environment

- Each participant must perform a daily symptom assessment that should include taking temperature with a thermometer, monitoring for fever, and watching for coughing or trouble breathing. Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.
- Limit livestock exhibitions to 10 exhibitors in the show ring at one time.
- Microphones must be sanitized between speakers or each speaker must have his/her own dedicated microphone.
- Spectators and others in the exhibition area must follow current orders regarding mass gatherings and social distancing.
- Fair boards are responsible for drafting 2020 operational guidance specific to each county fair ground, with approval given by the local board of health.

- Encourage and use technology to live stream livestock shows and other activities.

Non-Animal Exhibitions

- Exhibitors must be spaced out within exhibition areas to adhere to 6-foot social distancing guidelines.
- Exhibit areas must be thoroughly cleaned between participants.

- Have virtual judging of exhibits, designating individual times for the judging of projects and establishing a drive-thru system for exhibitors to pick-up their pre-judging paperwork.

Skillathons

- Ensure social distancing or install barriers.
- Clean and sanitize high-contact surfaces.
- Promote hand washing/sanitizing.

- Conduct Skillathons virtually.
- If there is a live Skillathon, participants should have individual, designated times for participation.
- Designate different barns for different animals.

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Auctions

- Seating in auction areas is limited to buyers and immediate family unless building capacity allows for additional people while also following social distancing guidelines.
- Where necessary to provide for adequate social distancing, auctions and other animal exhibitions may use the grandstands for that limited purpose.

- Have virtual auctions.

Harness Racing

- General public, in-person spectators, including junior fair participants and family members, will not be permitted to watch races.
- All other Racing Commission guidance should be followed.

- Fair boards are encouraged to use technology to broadcast the races.

Buildings

- Fair boards must work with their local health and/or fire department to establish building capacity in all facilities.
- Ensure a minimum of 6 feet between parties of participants, spectators, volunteers, fairgoers, and workers, up to the maximum group size per state guidelines (currently 10) in queue lines, seating areas, and similar. If not possible, use barriers or other protective devices.
- Limit entrance and exit options when possible while still maintaining code regulations.
- Where possible, establish a one-way directional flow of traffic through barns, exhibition buildings, and other fair facilities.
- Fair barns and all other buildings must be open as much as possible to allow good ventilation. This shall be true for all other buildings as well.

- For building capacity, follow the guideline of 50% of current permitted occupancy, with the allowance for proper social distancing between occupants.

Campgrounds

- Campground operators and visitors must comply with the standards outlined as applicable in the [COVID-19 Responsible Restart Ohio plan for Camping and Campgrounds](#).
- Compounding or clustering of groups is not allowed on fair campgrounds.
- Local boards of health and fair boards will work together to ensure that all wastewater is properly disposed.

- Campers should be positioned so their entry doors, outdoor seating areas, etc. do not face each other.

Restrooms/ Showers

- Ensure all toilets are functional.
- Frequently clean and sanitize public areas and restrooms, with increased instances of cleaning and sanitation during peak usage times. Cleaning should be conducted using EPA-registered disinfectants, particularly on high-touch surfaces such as faucets, toilets, doorknobs, and light switches.
- Restock supplies for handwashing, including soap, and materials for drying hands, every time the bathroom is cleaned.
- Provide hand sanitizer where water is not available.
- Based on facility size and current social distancing guidelines, limit the number of users at any one time in restrooms, showers, and laundry facilities.

- Post a cleaning schedule at each location.
- Install touch-free entry points at restrooms and other facilities.
- Install seat-cover dispensers and motion-sensing faucets and soap and towel dispensers in restrooms and other facilities.

Food Vendors

- Fair boards may permit food vendors on site during junior fair activities.
- Licensed concessions, including midway and carnival games, as defined in Ohio Revised Code 1711.11(A), are not permitted.
- All food vendors must cease operations at 10 p.m. to comply with mandated curfew.
- Food vendors must follow the [Restaurants, Bars, and Banquet & Catering Facilities/Services Guidance](#).

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Recommended Best Practices

Food Vendors (cont.)

- Food vendors must be positioned to ensure at least 6-feet between parties in ordering and queuing areas. Visual 6-foot ground markings are required to show proper distance for customers in line.
- Dining or seating areas must be positioned to ensure at least 6 feet between parties.
- Self-service buffets and product samples are prohibited. Self-service beverage is permitted.
- Condiments must be placed on food items by the vendor or offered in individual packets or containers.

Volunteers

- Educate volunteers on social distancing guidelines, handwashing, and safety measures.
- Ensure those in junior and senior fair board offices are following social distancing guidelines and have access to hand washing facilities or hand sanitizer.

- Use the fewest number of volunteers possible.
- Seek volunteers who are not in high risk groups.

Face Coverings

- Individuals in attendance at and participating in 4-H and FFA junior fair activities shall wear a facial covering when:
 - In any indoor location that is not a residence/camper.
 - Outdoors, when unable to consistently maintain a distance of 6 feet or more from individuals who are not members of their family/household.
- The requirement to wear a facial covering does not apply if:
 - A person is younger than 10 years old.
 - Any medical condition, including a respiratory condition that restricts breathing, a mental health conditions, or a disability contraindicates the wearing of a facial covering.
 - A person is communicating or seeking to communicate with someone who is hearing-impaired or has another disability that requires the ability to see the mouth for communication.
 - A person is seated and actively engaged in consuming food or a beverage.

Physical Contact and Hand Washing/Sanitizing

- Work with local boards of health to develop proper signage regarding social distancing and handwashing/hand sanitizing.
- There will be no physical contact between judges, exhibitors, participants, buyers, sellers, i.e. congratulatory handshakes, hugs, high fives.
- Fairgoers must not pet or touch animals.
- Provide adequate handwashing/hand sanitizing stations that meet Ohio Department of Health and local boards of health recommendations in and around barns, exhibition facilities, restrooms, amusement ride areas, food vending units/areas, and all other fair facilities.

- Encourage participants to send any thank you notes/gifts to buyers and not give them in person.

Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

- Immediately isolate and seek medical care for any individual who develops symptoms.
- Contact the local health district about suspected cases or exposure.
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- Work with the local health department to identify potentially infected or exposed individuals to help facilitate effective contact tracing/notifications.
- Test all suspected infections or exposures.
- Following testing, contact local health department to initiate appropriate care and tracing.