



**FAIRS & FESTIVALS
AS OF 2/9/21**

MANDATORY	
Good Hygiene	Fair board members, festival committees, staff, volunteers, exhibitors, vendors, and participants will follow current protocol mandated by the State at the time of the event and practice good hygiene that is informed by the corona virus danger: wash hands frequently, use hand sanitizer, cough into sleeve. Attempt to avoid gathering in groups and attempt to maintain social distancing. Individuals should perform a daily health assessment and stay home if they have a fever, cough, or other signs of possible COVID-19.
Large Gatherings	Event management should conduct events in a manner that discourages the large gathering of people on the midway or other parts of the event. Where possible, events should provide one-way pedestrian traffic in buildings or confined other areas, where doing so will help people maintain distancing.
Grandstands & Stage Events	Grandstand events shall be conducted in the following manner: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of spectators shall be limited to one-half the seating capacity of the grandstand at the beginning of the season. The capacity shall increase as immunization rates increase. • A distance of six feet shall be maintained between seated spectators with the exception of family members who are encouraged to sit together.
Amusement Rides	Amusement rides shall comply with all orders of the Ohio Department of Agriculture and: Manage Social Density & Promote Social Distancing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online ticket sales – Online ticket sales will be promoted, and its use encouraged to decrease lines at ticket windows. • Seating riders – Only people that traveled together will be seated together on a ride. Seats will be blocked to provide proper distance between patrons when needed. Parents are encouraged to assist getting their children seated before ride operators engage safety belts. • Social distancing signage - Signage at queue lines reminding patrons of guidelines and six-foot space marks in the queuing lines. Employees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face Masks - All ride operators will wear masks. • Daily Health Monitoring – Daily wellness screening, including a temperature check, are given to employees daily.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications - Employees have the information they need to stay healthy and are told to stay home if they aren't feeling well. <p>Cleaning & Sanitizing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaning and sanitizing of rides – Seats, restraints, headrests and arms will be sanitized frequently. • Hand sanitizing stations – Located throughout the midway for easy access by both customers and employees.
Agricultural Exhibits, Junior and Open Shows, and Livestock Auctions	<p>Livestock competitions will be held in the same manner as in the past with the following exceptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants, spectators, and judges, when possible, will maintain 6 feet distance between each other. • Recommend judges wear masks when in close proximity to exhibitors. • Family members of participants shall have priority in viewing area. • Microphones shall be sanitized after each person uses the microphone. • Consideration will be given to including on-line auctions to the program and streaming of shows. • Livestock barns and exhibit halls shall remain open with good ventilation and promotion of social distancing.
Food Vendors	<p>Food concessions shall comply with the standard RestartOhio COVID-19 rules for restaurants. These include six-foot spacing marks for those in line, no self-serve areas, condiments placed on food by server or in self-contained packets, and if there is a seating area, the tables/benches must be six feet apart to assure distance between parties.</p>
Games	<p>Game patrons will be spaced six feet apart from each other. Hand sanitizer will be provided on game counters for patrons use. Game equipment such as darts, balls, fishing poles, basket balls, water guns etc. will be sanitized between uses. Prizes will be kept out of reach of guests.</p>
Retail Sales & Exhibits	<p>Retail sales operators and exhibitors will follow current Ohio Responsible Reopen guidelines covering these Retail Sales & Services types. Exhibits will be places six feet apart and organizers will encourage patrons to follow social distance protocols. Retail and exhibit employees will wear masks and have hand sanitizer at their exhibit or booth.</p>
Admissions & Ticketing	<p>Promote online ticket sales to reduce queue lines at the entrances and avoid cash transactions.</p>
Signage	<p>Post signage from CDC and the Ohio Department of Health at entrance to parking lots, entrance to fair/festival, and placed throughout event promoting social distancing, good hygiene, mask wearing, and current COVID-19 rules.</p>
Public Announcements	<p>Events with a PA system will make announcements promoting current COVID-19 protocol mandated by the State at the time of the event and the practice of good hygiene and social distancing while at the event.</p>

Parades	Promote social distancing along parade route and with participants. No handing out or throwing candy and trinkets along the parade route. Parade participants should remain in vehicles and on parade floats during the duration of parade with the exception of marching bands.
Fireworks	Spectators will be provided ample space to allow for social distancing and they will be encouraged to remain in family units. Large groups will be discouraged.
Strolling Entertainment	Strolling entertainment will reduce the length of their act to 15 minutes per fixed location, remain six feet away from spectators and not distribute trinkets or prizes. The performer(s) will remind patrons to follow social distance protocols while watching and follow physical contact rules.
Campgrounds	Campgrounds should follow standards outlined in the "Ohio COVID-19 Responsible RestartOhio plan for camping and campgrounds. Family units should stay together as much as possible and away from other family units.
Physical Contact	All event goers and participants should avoid physical contact with others and should refrain from shaking hands, giving "high 5's" etc.
Sanitation	In addition to regular restrooms, events shall provide sanitation stations at convenient places throughout the fair or festival grounds. These stations shall include sanitizer. These must be placed near food concessions and must be maintained so that hand sanitizer is always available.
Restrooms/ Showers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure all toilets are functional. • Frequently clean and sanitize public areas and restroom, 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.
Event Marketing & Communications	Utilizing social media and websites, fairs and festivals will communicate to patrons the importance of staying away from events if they have a temperature or are not feeling well. Current COVID protocols for events, as mandated by the State, will also be communicated.

EACH EVENT ORGANIZER (FAIRBOARDS, FESTIVAL COMMITTEES, RIDE OPERATORS ETC) WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DRAFTING A 2021 OPERATIONAL PLAN TO ADDRESS ALL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS NEEDED TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE GUIDELINES.

This safety protocols outlined in this document were researched and compiled by the Ohio Fair Managers Association (OFMA), Ohio Festival & Fairs Association (OFEA), and the Greater Ohio Showmen's Association (GOSA). These guidelines have been compiled utilizing current best practice from the CDC, Ohio Department of Health, Outdoor Amusement Business Association, International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions, and other industry sources.

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