

## OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

# Recommendations for a Face-to-Face Exhibition/Fair Season

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## Conducting Exhibition Classes During Your Fair

Limit classes to no more than 10 exhibitors.

Reduce lining-up and gathering of animals before classes.

Limit spectators to immediate family (mom/dad, siblings).

- Offer a live stream or recording of the shows for other family members and friends to enjoy the show from the safety of their own homes.

It is recommended that arrangements be made for animals to be on grounds no longer than necessary.

Consider going to a “no groom” or a “blow and go” show.

- This will minimize the use of grooming chutes, grooming stands, the use of wash racks, etc.

### Awards

- If awards are to be given out during the show, they should be handled by only one person from the beginning until the end.
- If awards can be given out at another time, that is ideal to minimizing touch points.
- Reworking of Awards: If animals will not be slaughtered, you will not be able to award Grand and Reserve Champion titles based on ODA guidelines.

### Premiums

- Consider not paying premiums for this year.
- To minimize touch points, pay premiums after fair and mail them to the exhibitors.
- If you want to still pay premiums the week of fair, offer one time to pick them up.

Minimize human touch points during the shows.

- Have the same person working the gate(s) for the duration of the show.
- When announcing the show, make sure that you are sanitizing between users, or make available a separate mic for each person.
- When working a swine show, try to have the same person working hurdles for the duration. If they must be replaced the hurdle will need to be sanitized for the new worker.
- If members must go into a holding pen during a class. One individual should be assigned to open and close the gate for them or it will need to be sanitized after each exhibitor has come in contact with the gate.
- There will be no physical contact between judges, exhibitors, participants (i.e., congratulatory handshakes, hugs, high fives, etc.)

### Sanitizing between shows

- Develop a plan to sanitize high touch surfaces (bleachers, microphones, gates, etc.) between shows.

Fair boards must require employees, volunteers, and participants, except when showing inside the show ring, to wear facial coverings. Face coverings are recommended for spectators and fairgoers (exemptions are noted in the guidelines).

Provide adequate handwashing/hand sanitizing stations that meet Ohio Department of Health and local boards of health recommendations in and around barns, exhibition facilities, and restrooms.

Signs should be placed to remind guests of physical distancing requirements.

Signs should be placed in restrooms and throughout facilities to remind guests of appropriate handwashing standards (soap, water, 20 seconds).



## Conducting a Sale During Your Fair

Encourage buyers to sign up for the sale prior to fair.

- Send them their buyer number and any needed information prior to the sale to avoid a check-in sale day.

Limit the sale ring area to buyers and immediate family of exhibitors only.

Allow seating to accommodate social distancing.

Maintain social distancing at sale check-out, utilize touch-free/contactless payment options when possible, or invoice buyer.

Sanitize between sales.

- Develop a plan to sanitize high touch points (bleachers, microphones, etc.) between sales and auctioneers.

Only exhibitors will be allowed into the sale ring, no animals.

Minimize the number of individuals in staged photographs.

## **Useful References**

- IAAPA: The Global Association for the Attractions Industry: COVID-19 Reopening Guidance, 2020
- Talking Points for Extension Professionals to Share with Fairs/Exhibitions Regarding Youth Livestock/Food Animal Projects During Washington's "Stay Home and Stay Healthy" Order, Washington State University Extension and Washington 4-H, March 27, 2020
- [Responsible RestartOhio: County Fairs](#)

If you do not have a limit on the number of times an exhibitor can go through the sale ring, consider going down to one or two times each.

If pictures are taken of exhibitors and their animals for buyer plaques, plan to have members take them at home with their animals and submit prior to fair (have a physical drop off location, upload to FairEntry, use Qualtrics, email, etc.)

There will be no physical contact between buyers, exhibitors, participants (i.e., handshakes, hugs, high fives, etc.). Discourage exhibitors from handing out thank you gifts during sale day. Promote that they be delivered at a later date to the buyer or forgo all together for this year.

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