

Cassia County Fair Board COVID safety precautions for August 15-22, 2020 Fair Week

The Cassia County Fair & Rodeo hope to work with our partners in the community and South-Central Public Health District and the Cassia County Commissioners to produce a safe and fun 2020 fair and rodeo. The purpose of this discussion is to outline the “Best Practices” and create a safe environment for all our participants, competitors, volunteers, and spectators during our planned 2020 event.

Although safeguarding the health of the attendees, volunteers and competitors is of primary concern, Cassia County has a 110-year tradition to consider. The Cassia County Fair & Rodeo will do everything in its power to ensure the COVID-19 virus has minimal impact on our activities. Additionally, the fiscal welfare of our community is also at stake. The Fair and Rodeo is a large influx of money into our community, along with the largest fundraising opportunity for youth and civic organizations within the community.

We will go above and beyond in doing our best to take extra precautions for the safety of all who attend our fair. Advertising and notifications in advance of the fair will encourage at-risk groups or those who do not feel safe coming to a large attendee gathering to stay home. Anyone not feeling well will be advised to stay home as well. We will also advise those who want to wear masks to bring their own.

GENERAL POLICIES in accordance with Governor Little’s Idaho Rebound Plan for Safe Gatherings and Attendee Events in Idaho

- Social Distancing will be strongly encouraged.
- Public Service Announcements will be broadcast before and during the fair reminding everyone to social distance, follow CDC guidelines and if they feel ill or are uncomfortable in crowds to please be safe and stay home.
- Hand disinfectant throughout the facility.
 - At all entrances to the arena
 - At the base of all aisles in arena seating
 - In the livestock barns, sale barns and show arenas
 - Dispensers will be a minimum of 200’ apart in all midways.
 - All vendors will be encouraged to have sanitizer in their booth.
- Upon entering fairgrounds, we will strongly encourage all fair goers to wear masks and use precautions.
- Strongly encourage attendees to wear masks.
- Strongly encourage attendees to stay at home if sick.
- Disinfect commonly touched surfaces regularly.
- Promote online sale of tickets.
- Advise at-risk groups to not attend the Cassia County Fair and Rodeo.
- Masks will be offered and available at all entrances and the use of masks will be strongly encouraged consistent with the South-Central Public Health District’s guidelines.

- Deploy bi-lingual signage grounds-wide on social distancing, COVID-19 Symptoms, and other precautionary measures.
- All attendees must sign a waiver releasing the County, and Fair Board of all liability.

In following CDC recommendations, the Cassia County Fair Board along with the South-Central Public Health District reminds all exhibitors, vendors, volunteers and attendees that people with COVID symptoms (i.e. shortness of breath, coughing, trouble breathing, fever, etc. that are worse than normal without another explanation):

- Immediately go home or to a doctor (depending upon the severity of their symptoms).
- Get tested for COVID as soon as possible.
- If they get tested for COVID and it is positive, isolate per local health department recommendations. Generally, this will be for 10 days after symptom onset or after 3 days of improving symptoms.
- If they get tested of COVID and it is negative, or the doctor decides not to test, do what the doctor says.
- If they refuse to get tested, the CDC recommends that we assume they have COVID. That means they isolate for 10 days.

TICKETING and EVENT VOLUNTEERS

- All Event Help will be screened for COVID symptoms prior to working events.
 - Fair Board members
 - 4-H and FFA Personnel
 - All Superintendents
 - All Event Volunteers and Help
- Each ticket taker and usher will be encouraged to wear PPE.
- Ticket sellers will be behind Plexiglas and contactless transactions will be encouraged.
- Any volunteers need to immediately notify the Fair Board or supervisor if they are sick, exhibiting any symptoms or anyone in their household is sick or exhibiting symptoms. They will be immediately sent home for no less than 3 days.
- No general admission seating during the rodeos.
- All tickets will be sold online or at the ticket office.
- Ticket Office will be open from 10am-9pm daily to help minimize lines and congestion.
- Pari Mutual Help will be spaced apart and social distancing will be encouraged in lines.

- As per existing policy – No refunds will be given to ticketed events.

CLEANING and DISINFECTING

- Restroom facilities will be cleaned and disinfected every 60 minutes from 12:00pm – 10:00pm during fair week.
- A Logbook of Bathroom cleaning will be kept.
- If picnic tables are used, they will be disinfected between uses.
- A disinfecting schedule will be determined and followed for high touch surfaces and high traffic areas.
- Maintain clean facilities and shut them occasionally if needed for short periods of time to provide special sanitation and thorough cleaning.

VENDORS & EXHIBITORS

- Food vendors will follow guidelines set forth by the South-Central Public Health District.
- Vendors will be required to follow all CDC Guidelines including, but not limited to:
 - Wearing masks
 - Wearing gloves
 - Plexiglass hung at ordering stations.
 - No public condiments. (Condiments added by vendor)
- Non-food vendors will be strongly encouraged to wear masks as suggested by the South-Central Health Public District.
- Traffic inside of buildings will flow in one direction with entrances and exits clearly marked.
- No refunds will be issued, however booth rent can be transferred to next event.

LIVESTOCK SHOWS

- All exhibitors, volunteers and superintendents will be strongly encouraged to follow guidelines set forth by the South-Central Public Health District, including:
 - Wear masks
 - Social Distance
- Spectators are allowed and encouraged to practice social distancing.

- Everyone participating and attending must sign a Waiver and Release of Liability from Cassia County.

FREE ENTERTAINMENT STAGE

- Performers will announce a list of good practices at the start of each performance.
- Additional seating areas will be added to allow people to social distance.
- Stage area will be disinfected between performers.

COMMITTEES:

MARKET ANIMAL SALE COMMITTEE

- Committee will submit their safety procedures to adhere to CDC guidelines and local authorities to be approved by Fair Board.

PARADE COMMITTEE

- Committee will submit their safety procedures to adhere to CDC guidelines and local authorities to be approved by Fair Board.
 - Fair Board will request no hand-outs and no candy thrown/distributed.

****No one really knows what things will be like at the time of the Fair, and the Cassia County Fair Board will stay in constant contact with the South-Central Public Health District to get the most current COVID recommendations and/or guidelines****