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Good Afternoon Fair CEOs,

Please find attached Circular letter F2021-05, an update on status of guidance for safely conducting fair and livestock events. Please ensure that this information is shared with all Board members at the next regularly scheduled board meeting listed as an item of "Correspondence."

The California Department of Public Health has added **Livestock events** to the guidance for [Outdoor Seated Live Events and Performance](#), attached is a sample **Site Specific Plan** that livestock events should develop that is fair site specific.

As a valuable resource, F&E has added the circular letters of prior years to the Fairs & Expositions website for your convenience. You can now view and download past circular letters by visiting our website at <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/FairsAndExpositions/>, click on drop down box titled "Correspondence".

Thank You,

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Karen Ross, Secretary

May 12, 2021

F2021-05

TO: All Fairground CEOs and Board Members

SUBJECT: Guidance for Fair Events and Livestock Events

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has added "Fairs" to the Blueprint guidance for [Amusement Parks and Theme Parks](#). The guidance is effective April 15, 2021. If you plan to host a fair event, please work with local authorities for approval on a site-specific plan using the Amusement Parks and Theme Parks guidance.

If you plan to host livestock events please follow the Blueprint guidance for [Outdoor Seated Live Events and Performances](#). In addition, a site-specific plan shall be developed and presented to local health authorities for their approval (attached is a sample site-specific plan) beyond what is in the Blueprint guidance for Outdoor Seated Live Events and Performances.

For general guidance on all other events, please follow the [Industry Guidance to Reduce Risk](#). Please note fairgrounds were included in the Governor's Emergency Declaration and can be utilized at any time as needed for emergency state operations.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Francesconi at (916) 900-5365 or at [mike.francesconi@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:mike.francesconi@cdfa.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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Branch Chief

Enclosure



May 12, 2021

## **SITE-SPECIFIC WORK PLAN EXAMPLE JUNIOR LIVESTOCK PROGRAM (GRADING & MARKET)**

### **PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING PLAN**

- *(CEO Name)*, CEO  
*Fair Name*
- Livestock Superintendent Name  
Livestock Superintendent

### **MEASURES TO PREVENT SPREAD (GENERAL)**

#### **Safety Controls:**

- Unless part of a fair event, the fairgrounds will be closed to the public; only the participant and two members of their immediate family will be allowed onsite during scheduled grading times.
- All activities will be conducted outside with no indoor facilities used.
- Only registered, ticketed holders will be allowed to attend the market (recommend online registration).
- *(Fair Name)* Fair will maintain a record of participants, volunteers, leaders/advisors, and buyers attending to allow for traceability. A numbered system will be used for entry at the appropriate gate (numbered wristbands).
- Masks must be worn at all times; face masks will be available for those who need them. Face coverings must cover the nose and mouth.
- All individuals must sign a COVID-19 waiver prior to being granted access to the fairgrounds.
- Only two points of entry to the fairgrounds will be used and those gates will be manned by security to limit entry as well as enforce rules.



- Appropriate signage will be placed at entry points to inform participants they shall avoid entering if they have a cough or fever; maintain a minimum six-foot distance from non-household members; and not shake hands or make unnecessary physical contact.
- Physical distancing will be promoted and maintained.
- Signs will be posted throughout areas reminding participants of mitigation practices.
- Common areas will be marked to illustrate 6-foot distancing.
- Evaluation groups will be limited to less than 10 animals to allow for proper distancing.
- All group showing (pen of 5) are suspended.
- All facilities used will be set up to allow for appropriate social distancing (i.e. centrally located, larger sale ring).
- Animals are housed in pens by species, breed, and weight, respectively. We will not house animals per club this year. Animals may be moved after the final market class to align for the auction. The animal species stall tag must follow them to their housing pen at all times.
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- Multiple hand wash/hand sanitizer stations shall be set up around the grading and market areas.
- Restrooms and portable restrooms will be available with cleaning each hour.
- A first-aid station will be open during the entire event.
- All participants must leave the fairgrounds immediately following the grading of their animals and at the conclusion of the market event.
- Participants will be encouraged to bring their own water; no food or water will be provided onsite except for market day.
- A live feed of the evaluation process may be available for members of the public to watch from home.

**Education and Training:** All participants will be provided educational materials on COVID-19. Emphasis will be placed on the need for societal protection, including the importance of social distancing, frequent hand washing, use of face coverings, and avoidance of touching the eyes, mouth, nose, etc. Educational materials will be provided prior to the scheduled event and will be reinforced prior to each class grading. Signage will be posted at the event.

**Screening:** All participants, volunteers and staff will be screened at home prior to attendance using temperature or symptom checks following CDHP guidelines. No one will not be allowed on the grounds if they:

- Are sick or showing symptoms related to COVID-19 such as fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.

- Have been in contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 within the previous 14 days.

**Biosecurity Measures:** While at the event, all participants will follow official Guidelines for COVID-19 for Livestock Markets (Month, Day, 202x) as follow:

- Do not enter the fairgrounds if you are or show signs of sickness such as cough or fever.
- Face covering/mask is required to be worn by all persons while on the fairgrounds.
- Do not shake hands or engage in any unnecessary physical contact.
- Always stay 6 feet (three paces) away from individuals not residing in the same household (physical distancing).
- Avoid touching face.
- Cover a cough with your elbow and sneeze into a tissue, if not available use your elbow.
- Frequently wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; if soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer (Use alcohol-based sanitizer that is at least 60% alcohol).

**Clean & Disinfect:** frequently touched surfaces such as door handles/gate latches (including stall doors and bathrooms) and shared objects such as hoses, buckets, broom, pitchforks and clean daily or more frequently based on level of use. All volunteers/participants/exhibitors will be issued a pair of gloves to be worn while performing their assigned duties. Supplies will be readily available for the proper cleaning and disinfecting of areas. A check list will be used to assure that areas have been cleaned and disinfected. CDPH or CDC guidelines for proper cleaning and disinfecting will be followed.

## **MEASURES TO PREVENT SPREAD SPECIFIC TO ANIMAL GRADING**

CDFA rules and guidelines for the grading and market of these animals include and are discussed in more detail in this section:

- Only one way directional traffic will be used to assure 6' distancing.
- Limiting the number of participants and spectators for each event.
- Adding pen space to allow social distancing.
- Allowing larger ring size and additional spectator bleachers to provide more room for social distancing.
- Prohibiting participants from loitering in barns with livestock.
- Animals housed on the grounds will be fed by leaders/volunteers.
- Washing and preparation of animals will be done at home prior to arrival. Washing and fitting will not be allowed on the fairgrounds.

- Following grading, all participants will be requested to leave promptly to meet social distancing requirements.
- Class sizes will be reduced to less than 10 animals per grading class to allow social distancing within the grading ring; social distancing will be practiced in the animal lineup.
- No handshakes for judges or hugs from other participants will be allowed – social distancing will be followed.
- Each participant will be limited to two spectators to accompany them to allow for adequate social distancing.
- Live video of grading may be provided for viewing at home.
- The entire grading ring area will be used to maximize bleacher and chair seating to allow for greater social distancing.
- Onsite barns will be fully open to allow the penning of animals to maximize social distancing while preparing to show.
- Club leaders and FFA advisors will be responsible for distancing, monitoring, and enforcement of provisions of exhibition; participants in violation will be removed from the grounds and not permitted to sell at the market.
- Animals will remain on the grounds prior to shipping; following sale of the project animal, participants will be asked to promptly leave the grounds to reduce the total number of people onsite at any given time.

Weigh-in for animals will be staggered to maintain physical distancing.

Grading should be staggered over several days to allow for adequate distancing. For example:  
(*List Fair JLA Species*):

Wednesday	Lambs and Goats
Thursday	Swine
Friday	Steers, Rabbits

The animals must be cared for by volunteers, leaders and advisors (list time frame). Senior participants may also assist. Generally, participants will not be allowed onsite to care for animals. Participants who have already been graded will be asked to leave and not return to the fairgrounds until their auction time to assist in maintaining adequate social distancing.

## **MEASURES TO PREVENT SPREAD AT MARKET EVENT**

Buyers include local businesses and individuals and may be onsite only a portion of the sale day. Numerous buyers are also represented by proxy.

Some events may chose to do an online auction only while other events may hold a modified in-person auction. If in-person, the objective for the sale is to reduce individual numbers of buyers to allow social distancing during the sale event. This will be done by:

- Limiting spectators.
- A numbered system of wristbands will be used for buyer's entry to limit number of buyers and will assist in traceability.
- The area of the market will be sectioned off to all to allow only buyers in the ring area.
- A small viewing area will be provided for parents, other family members, and leaders to watch an animal sell.
- Signage will be provided to remind buyers of social distancing rules and requirements; bleachers will be marked identifying 6-foot distances. The auctioneer will make periodic announcements to reinforce social distancing.
- Limit the number of members in a buyer group to less than 10 within the sale area.
- Following an animal's sale, a bank volunteer will provide the buyer with the required paperwork and sale record; the exhibitor will be responsible for thanking the buyer outside of the sale area at their place of business in the days following the sale.
- Hogs will not be moved across the auction floor. The exhibitor will be required to provide a photograph of the exhibitor and the hog for the auction event. The photograph will be posted on the screens in front of the buyers and only the individual will stand for the auction in the sale ring. This will significantly reduce the number of people required for livestock movement at the sale. It will also reduce chances for cross-contamination due to livestock handling as well as improve animal welfare.
- Bleachers will be sanitized as groups move around the area.
- Livestream auction and online live bidding will be included in the sale.
- All previous buyers will be called in advance and proxies will be obtained where possible to limit the number of actual individuals at the market.
- No buyers' breakfast will be served.
- Food and water will be provided in a "for take-out" venue; lunches and waters will not be delivered to buyers as in the past.
- Multiple hand-wash stations will be provided.

## **PROCESS TO CHECK FOR COMPLIANCE**

Individuals found out of compliance will be asked to modify behaviors and, if behavior is not modified, the individual will be asked to leave.

During the sale, sale team members (auctioneer) will regularly remind patrons of the rules and request compliance.

## **UPDATE PLAN**

The plan will be updated as new information from (*Fair County*) County, the State of California, and CDC becomes available. Should the State of California move into Phase 4 or additional changes be made prior to the (*Fair JLA Date*), this plan may be revised and reapproved by County Health Department staff.