

2020 Elroy Fair



Junior Fair Exhibition Restrictions and Considerations in Response to COVID-19

It is our desire to provide a culminating, educational opportunity for 4-H, FFA, and other youth organization youth to demonstrate skills learned, have their projects evaluated, and have their work displayed. The requirements for COVID-19 supplement the fair's existing emergency management plan. Fair officials are aware that adherence to local health department guidelines is prudent and required for the safety of all those participating. In light of the fluid nature of the COVID-19 situation, this list will be updated as needed.

Ideas for Planning/Pre-Fair

- 🐾 Update fair schedule to create "Show and Go" format for all Junior Fair animal shows and safe drop off and pick up for non-animal exhibits. No animals, exhibitors, or family members will remain on grounds after shows are finished.
- 🐾 Have only the number of people required on the grounds to get the job done. Use family units as much as possible.
- 🐾 While on-site it is strongly advised that a face covering be worn.
- 🐾 Each department coordinator will compose procedures and guidelines for their area or specific show.
- 🐾 Determine proper spacing requirements in barns for those exhibitors who do not have the option to show from their trailer. Social distancing requirements must be enforced for penning/stalling.
- 🐾 Determine show and line up methods to maintain social distancing.
- 🐾 Determine early age, small pet and cat show procedures, line up, sanitation, etc.
- 🐾 Determine plan for sanitary distribution of ribbons and awards.
- 🐾 Determine where trailers can be placed during the shows
- 🐾 Coordinate plans for live and virtual auction options.
- 🐾 Determine which departments/classes will not be offered due to circumstances.
- 🐾 Devise traffic patterns and traffic schedule with all assigned fair board members and local law enforcement
- 🐾 Make plans for Facebook Live show broadcasts...who will cover what shows, etc.
- 🐾 Devise traffic flow for exhibit building exhibit pick up in and out of buildings.
- 🐾 Constantly remind people about social distancing practices with signage and announcements. Request signs from health department.
- 🐾 Use disinfecting wipes or spray to clean all surfaces frequently.
- 🐾 Keep a sign-in record log of everyone entering the grounds.
- 🐾 Use different colored wristbands to identify those who have signed in daily.
- 🐾 Hand sanitizer should be placed at all entry and exit points in barns, show arena, wash racks, and scales. Common surfaces sprayed and wiped often.
- 🐾 Develop a communication plan for Junior Fair animal and non-animal exhibition to be shared with exhibitors, families, fair board, exhibit coordinators, local law enforcement, local health department, and other key players.
- 🐾 Advise youth to wear face coverings to practice with their animals. It is important animals are used to the concept.
- 🐾 Contact and hire judges.
- 🐾 Determine procedure for providing lunch for judges and restrictions for having water/prepackaged snacks available on site. No food stands. No potluck.
- 🐾 Confirm internet on grounds

Entry and On-site Prep

- 🐾 Collect information to see how many exhibitors have the capability of showing off their trailer. This information can be set up in Fair Entry.
- 🐾 All entries will be made on Fair Entry between June 1 and June 15. No late entries or day of judging entries will be accepted.
- 🐾 “Hold harmless” agreement required on Fair Entry before approval of entries.
- 🐾 Communicate to clubs that group exhibits will not be recognized or housed together. Families only.
- 🐾 Communicate show plans and expectations to volunteers, youth, and families before the event.
- 🐾 Communicate show plans and expectations to judges. Make sure they are aware of the time frame in which the event must occur.
- 🐾 Pens and stalls should be assigned using social distancing guidelines for exhibitors who cannot show off of their trailers.
- 🐾 Mark off drop off spots for non-animal exhibits, trailers,
- 🐾 Run entry tags and sort in plastic bags by family to distribute at entry time.
- 🐾 Constantly remind people about social distancing practices with signage and announcements.
- 🐾 Food stands will not be open on the grounds. No potluck meals will be allowed. Box/sack lunches are recommended. Take all garbage home with you.

Arrival/During the Event

- 🐾 Sign in will be required as people enter the grounds. “Hold harmless” document reviewed. Wristbands handed out.
- 🐾 Remind people to be smart and respectful of others and their health. If you have a cough, fever, shortness of breath, sore throat or any other symptoms STAY HOME. Social distance to the best of your abilities. Wash hands often! We have the right to ask anyone to leave the grounds if we feel you are not practicing social distancing the best you can throughout the show.
- 🐾 Steps should be taken at home to make sure animals are as show ready as possible upon arrival.
- 🐾 A “NO FIT SHOW” can be considered for the health and safety of the animals and the participants for 2020
- 🐾 Classes will be organized to allow for proper social distancing in the show arena. Class numbers will be limited to meet requirements.
- 🐾 Only the number of volunteers, runners, youth exhibitors and minimal family members should be on the grounds.
- 🐾 Face coverings are strongly recommended.
- 🐾 Check-in process: Show staff should go to trailers pens, stalls to check animal identification information. Staff should use hand sanitizer and sanitize equipment between every check in.
- 🐾 If scales are open for youth to use, have a sanitation plan in place.
- 🐾 Wash racks-space out to avoid youth comingling. Time limits should be set and enforced. Sanitation policies should be enforced...wiping down of spigots, gates, rails, etc. Personal hoses, brushes, and other equipment must be used.
- 🐾 Fair office will be locked and only open to board members.

Non-animal exhibits:

- 🐾 All non-animal exhibits should be completed before entering the grounds and acquiring tags.
- 🐾 Exhibitors need to provide their own string, scissors, stapler, tape or other means to attach tags to their exhibits.
- 🐾 Tags should be attached at exhibitor's vehicle. Social distancing of vehicles is advised.
- 🐾 Exhibits will be brought to appropriate location for entry. Table will be set up outside School House and Exhibit Buildings. Social distancing will be adhered to. Exhibits with tags attached will be given to runners who will deliver exhibits to judging area. In the case of fair error, exhibitor should call 608-633-3186 for replacement tag before bringing item to runner. Tag will be printed and provided.
- 🐾 Constantly remind people about social distancing practices with signage and announcements.

Judging/During the Shows

- 🐾 Bleachers may not be provided by the fair. Personal chairs will need to be 6 feet apart. Families may sit together.
- 🐾 Face coverings are strongly recommended.
- 🐾 Youth's presentation of animals should follow social distancing methods. Showing and line up methods will be adapted to maintain 6 feet between each participant.
- 🐾 Number of spectators will be limited. A youth member will be allowed one adult to help with preparation and prevent safety issues.
- 🐾 Microphone will be sanitized between announcers.
- 🐾 Shows will be broadcast on Facebook Live or similar platform.
- 🐾 Tables will be sanitized between exhibits for cats and small pets, etc.
- 🐾 Judges and exhibitors will be advised to not shake hands.
- 🐾 Hand sanitizer should be applied after youth exit the ring and animal is safe and secure.
- 🐾 See individual show procedures and guidelines for details.

Non-animal exhibits:

- 🐾 Non-animal exhibit judging will consist of exhibit coordinator, judge, and up to 2 helpers per judge depending on the department.
- 🐾 Ribbons will be attached to tags or exhibits.
- 🐾 Disinfecting wipes or spray should be used to clean all surfaces

Release of exhibits

- 🐾 Face coverings are strongly recommended.
- 🐾 For pens and stalls, exhibitors must clean and sanitize their own area after use.
- 🐾 Take anything your brought in, garbage included, back out with you.
- 🐾 Sanitize all points of contact that were touched during each event.

Non-animal exhibits:

- 🐾 Non-animal exhibit release. One family pick up in a building at a time. Social distancing will be adhered to.
- 🐾 Follow any one way traffic flow in and out of buildings as posted.
- 🐾 Constantly remind people about social distancing practices with signage and announcements.