



## LSU AGCENTER LIVESTOCK SHOW MANAGEMENT GUIDE

# Implementation and Expectation Plan of Livestock Shows During COVID-19



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# INTRODUCTION

The LSU AgCenter and its 4-H Youth Development Program will continue to place the health and safety of our youth, volunteers, employees, and stakeholders first and foremost in all decisions related to programs and opportunities. The AgCenter will continue to operate under the executive orders set forth by the Louisiana governor as well managing all operations under the guidelines of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and local/state health governing entities. Additionally, any requirements established by the AgCenter in relation to the management and hosting of events will be followed.

Livestock shows under the direct management/ownership and/or held at an AgCenter facility will follow the guidelines below in determining if a show can be conducted safely. Local, parish, and/or state livestock shows (including junior prospect/progress shows) owned or managed by a third-party association/organization are not considered as part of this plan due to their individual liability and responsibility. Participation of any AgCenter Employee will follow the guidelines below as to their involvement and participation in any livestock show, regardless if the event is an AgCenter sponsored livestock show.



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# COVID-19 Considerations for Animal Activities at Fairs, Shows, and Other Events

Resource Reference: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/animals/events-animal-activities.html>

## ***Livestock and Horse Shows***

To maintain social distancing, consider the following steps:

- Split classes to limit the number of animals in the show ring.
- Cattle, horse, sheep, and goat shows naturally lend to social distancing when on the walk; adapt spacing to maintain distance between participants.
- Limit the number of people and/or animals in a ring to ensure that at least 6 feet is kept between an animal and its handler and other people and animals including judges. The number of exhibitors and animals that can safely fit in a show ring or exhibit area may limit the number of animals that can be shown at one time.
- Provide separate entry and exit points for visitors so they do not need to pass close together while coming into and going out of the ring.
- Stagger activities in washing and grooming areas, or other shared spaces, so that animals from different farms or households do not interact unnecessarily and so that people can maintain a distance of at least 6 feet apart from each other.
- Stagger animal move-in/move-out times to reduce contact between people and animals.
- Consider a “show-and-go” with animals stalled at a trailer and leaving immediately after the show if this will not compromise animal welfare, for example, because of weather conditions such as high temperature and humidity.

## ***Maintaining Healthy Operations During Livestock and Horse Shows***

- Require or encourage preregistration to reduce in-person interaction on site.
- Advise all staff and anyone visiting the event, including exhibitors, visitors, judges, and veterinarians, to stay home if they are sick.
  - Conduct daily health checks (e.g., temperature screening and/or symptom checking) of staff. If feasible, also check health status of attendees, in accordance with any applicable privacy laws and regulations.
- Increase distance and limit the duration of contact (no more than 15 minutes) between exhibitors, visitors, judges, veterinarians, staff, and anyone else visiting the event.
  - When designing exhibits and layout of the grounds, allow for social distancing and avoid high densities of people, including in employee-only areas such as break rooms, locker rooms, and time clocks.
  - Examples of areas where congregation should be limited include in- and out-gates, warm-up rings, prep or grooming areas, petting zoos and other animal interaction areas, restrooms, and food service areas.
- Limit the number of people entering the facility.
  - Stagger visiting times and decrease high-traffic areas by limiting areas open to visitors/exhibitors or staggering use of common areas such as bathrooms, concession areas, bleachers, or animal viewing areas.

- Use a perimeter fence to control the number of people entering or exiting.
- Use masks for visitors, exhibitors, judges, veterinarians, and staff, especially where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.
  - Masks are not a substitute for personal protective equipment (PPE), which should be worn when performing procedures on animals or when using cleaning and disinfecting chemicals.
  - Masks are not recommended for children under 2 years or anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the covering without assistance.
- Move entertainment scheduled for indoors (or in tented space) outside in an open-air setting, weather permitting.
- Use markings and signs to remind staff, exhibitors, and visitors to practice social distancing, wear masks in public spaces, especially when maintaining at least 6 feet apart may be difficult, wash their hands, and follow other safety measures. Consider adding signs that illustrate the capacity limit of buildings, including bathrooms, and take steps to control the number of people entering and exiting facilities.
- Encourage hand hygiene by setting up hand hygiene stations at the entrance and within the premises so that staff and visitors can clean their hands, including before and after interacting with animals or entering/exiting animal areas
  - Washing hands with soap and water is the best way to get rid of germs in most situations. If soap and water are not readily available, provide hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces such as door handles/gates (including those to stall doors and bathrooms), and shared objects such as hoses, buckets, brooms, and pitchforks daily or more frequently based on the level of use.
  - Use EPA-approved disinfectants against COVID-19.
  - Encourage participants to clean and disinfect items from home (halters, pitchforks, etc.) before bringing them to the event and again before they take them back home.
  - When possible, discourage the sharing of items (halters, brushes, clippers, etc.) that are difficult to disinfect between competitors, barns on the premises, and farms.
  - Clean and disinfect animal areas between shows or events.
  - Develop a schedule for increased, routine cleaning and disinfection of animal areas and other shared areas like bathrooms.
  - Ensure safe and correct use and storage of cleaners and disinfectants to avoid harm to employees and other individuals. Always read and follow label instructions for each product, and store products securely away from children.
- Cleaning products should not be used near children. Staff should ensure that there is adequate ventilation when using these products to prevent attendees or themselves from inhaling toxic vapors.
- Implement strategies to maintain safe concession areas and promote behaviors that reduce the spread:
  - Encourage frequent hand washing, by setting up hand hygiene stations near food concession areas.
  - Eliminate communal high-touch items (e.g., condiments, reach-in coolers, straw dispensers, some types of trash containers, etc.).
  - Take social distancing into consideration when designing these areas so that people can maintain 6 feet of distance between each other while waiting in lines or seating.
  - Refer to CDC's considerations for restaurants and bars for more information on safety precautions to reduce the spread of COVID-19
- Mount pedestal fans or hard mounted fans with water misters high up so that they blow towards the ground, avoiding blowing between different people. Water misters that spray directly onto people should use only potable water. Develop a Water Management Plan (WMP) and monitor the disinfectant and temperature of the water to ensure that water is not sitting in the line for an extended period of time.
- Avoid blowing air directly over one person towards another.
  - Avoid creating air movement that distributes dust, which may contain contaminants.
  - Position fans above the seating area (e.g., restaurant seating), cordon off the area directly in front of a ground-level fan to prevent people from standing directly in front of the airflow discharge, and set fans into oscillation mode so that there is no consistent airflow from one person to another.
  - Prevent fans from blowing directly from people to people, people to animals, or animals to people.
- Isolate and transport people who become sick.
  - Immediately separate visitors, exhibitors, judges, veterinarians, and staff with COVID-19 symptoms.
  - People who are sick should go home or to a healthcare facility, depending on how severe their symptoms are, and follow CDC guidance for caring for oneself and others who are sick.



### ***LIVESTOCK SHOW STATUS:***

- Absolutely NO in-person livestock show can be held or conducted.
- Alternative plans such as a virtual livestock show can be considered as long as no in-person event is part of the implementation plan.

### ***HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:***

- If a virtual livestock show is conducted any minimal face-to-face contact among employees and/or clientele must be held under strict health and safety requirements and guidelines

### ***LSU AGCENTER EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT:***

- No AgCenter employee will attend or support any in-person livestock show.
- Employee are allow to provide support and resources to virtual livestock show.



## ***LIVESTOCK SHOW STATUS:***

- Livestock shows sponsored or managed by the LSU AgCenter can be held through a virtual format or in person format. If the event will be held in person, it must adhere to strict social distancing and health/safety guidelines.

## ***HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:***

- Hosting of livestock show should be evaluated based on the facilities, its ventilation system and the ability to adequately socially distance safely.
- Schedule of events should be reviewed and structured to provide the minimum experiences and strive for minimum number of attendees at one time.
- Event will be considered a “closed” event and attendance should be limited to only youth showing livestock, parent/guardian, 4-H agent/FFA teacher, and essential volunteers.
- No more than 25 exhibitors and show management team allowed in the arena at one time.
- Those present at the show are not allowed to “gather” outside of their immediate family.
- No cooking/food service among the families allowed at the event.
- Mask must be worn all times by all present, including show ring.
- If violations of any social distancing or safety/health guidelines are observed they must be corrected immediately. Any continuation of violations or lack of cooperation on the part of attendees will result in the livestock show being closed immediately.
- Sponsoring entity must have adequate sanitizing equipment available and in use. This includes but is not limited to:
  - Hand sanitizer
  - Regular cleaning of restrooms and other general areas
  - Signage indicating social distancing in livestock stalling and show ring areas.

## ***LSU AGCENTER EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT:***

- All AgCenter employees wishing to participate or support the show in person must have prior approval from appropriate supervisor.
- Official travel will allowed where approved.



### ***LIVESTOCK SHOW STATUS:***

- Livestock shows sponsored or managed by the LSU AgCenter can be held through either a virtual or face-to-face format.

### ***HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:***

- Hosting of livestock show should be evaluated based on the facilities, its ventilation system and the ability to adequately socially distance safely.
- Schedule of events should be reviewed and structured to provide the minimum experiences and strive for minimum number of attendees at one time.
- Number of exhibitors and show management team personnel allowed in arena at one time will be in accordance with guidelines and recommendations in place based on phase III protocols.
- Event can be open to visitors however social distance guidelines should be followed and periodic public address announcements must be made as a reminder.
- Those present at the show are not allowed to “gather” outside of their immediate family.
- No cooking/food service among the families allowed at the event.
- Sponsoring entity must have adequate sanitizing equipment available and in use. This includes but is not limited to:
  - Hand sanitizer
  - Regular cleaning of restrooms and other general areas
  - Signage indicating social distancing in livestock stalling and show ring areas.
- All participants must adhere to any guidelines or executive orders in relation to wearing masks.
- If violations of any social distancing or safety/health guidelines are observed they must be corrected immediately. Any continuation of violations or lack of cooperation on the part of attendees will result in the livestock show being closed immediately.

### ***LSU AGCENTER EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT:***

- AgCenter employees can attend and support in-person livestock show as long as all health and safety guidelines are being adhered to.
- Official travel will allowed.



## ***LIVESTOCK SHOW STATUS:***

- Livestock shows sponsored or managed by the LSU AgCenter can be held as an in-person event.

## ***HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:***

- Event must abide by the guidelines set forth by the governor's office in relation to the number of individuals allowed. If the number will exceed the orders from the governor, the show should not be conducted in-person or modifications made.
- Hosting of livestock show should be evaluated based on the facilities, its ventilation system and the ability to adequately socially distance safely.
- Sponsoring entity must have adequate sanitizing equipment available and in use. This includes but is not limited to:
  - Hand sanitizer
  - Hourly cleaning of restrooms and other general areas
  - Signage indicating social distancing in livestock stalling and show ring areas.
- Event can be open to visitors however social distance guidelines should be followed and periodic public address announcements must be made as a reminder.
- No socialization or "camping" is allowed in stalls, barns, etc.
- All attendees should be encouraged to wear mask. No mask is required in the show ring for participants.

## ***LSU AGCENTER EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT:***

- AgCenter employees can attend and support livestock show.
- Official travel will allowed.



## RESOURCES

### RESOURCES FOR FAIRS AND FESTIVALS

**Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festivals**  
<http://www.laffnet.org/>

### ACCIDENT INSURANCE

#### **American Income Life**

800-849-4820

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<https://www.aillife.com/SpecialRiskDivision/4H-Extension>

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- Air Travel
- Children under the age of 5

### GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE COMPANIES

#### **Haas & Wilkerson Insurance**

913-432-4400

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