

# **CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR OPENING THE KANSAS STATE FAIR**



**Sept. 11-20**

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# THE KANSAS STATE FAIR

## AMENDED AND RESTATED CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR RESTRICTED FAIR OPENING

Sept. 11-20, 2020

### **BACKGROUND**

The Kansas State Fair has been a celebration of all things Kansas since 1913. The mission of the Kansas State Fair is “to promote and showcase Kansas agriculture, industry and culture, to create opportunity for commercial activity and to provide an educational and entertaining experience that is the pride of all Kansans.”

The Fair highlights the best of Kansas, including its innovation, its economy, its culture, its people, its communities and – of course – its food. The Fair also features a significant educational component, which includes groups such as 4-H and FFA who encourage young people to participate in agriculture and offer both educational demonstrations and competitions.

The Fair is steeped in family tradition and represents a true celebration of the state in the most inclusive of terms and engagement. The annual 10-day event is planned by staff. The Fair contributes an estimated \$74.6 million to the Kansas economy annually, according to a 2018 report by the Kansas Department of Agriculture. The economic impact in the Fair’s 60-mile radius is more than \$40 million.

Kansas has a strong past and persevering character. The Kansas State Fair is a celebration that many look forward to every year. It is an event that lifts our spirits, no matter how difficult the times or circumstances and has spanned 107 uninterrupted years.

The Fair staff have developed this plan to provide a safe and secure Fairgrounds for fairgoers and employees. It is respectfully submitted and suggested by staff of The Kansas State Fair that this year’s Fair (Sept. 11-20, 2020) can reasonably and safely be permitted to operate conditioned upon and with the expectation that those responsible for planning the Fair will conduct it in a way that takes into account the need to practice enhanced physical distancing throughout the Fairgrounds’ programming areas and to impose precautionary measures throughout the entirety of the operations.

Staff is also following recommendations from the International Association of Fairs and Expos (IAFE).

Many late summer and fall fairs (specialty themed and more traditional county and state fairs) similar to our Fair size in terms of attendance have not been cancelled and continue to plan for this year’s event.

- On June 9, 2020, The New Jersey State Fair at Meadowlands announced a re-scheduling to late July and their plans include a carnival. The Maryland State Fair along with eight other Maryland-based county or regional fairs are still scheduled for late summer or early fall 2020.
- Amusement parks and attractions and carnivals of varying size and capacities including some of the largest attractions in the world (Universal Studios, Disney, Six Flags, Cedar Fair, Lego Land and Sea World), have either recently re-opened with operational restrictions and are currently in operation or are planning an imminent re-opening. This includes Maryland (Ocean City), West Virginia, Florida (Disney), Georgia (circus and carnivals), South Carolina (Myrtle Beach, SC theme parks and water parks), Texas (fairs and carnivals) and Oklahoma. Near home, this includes Six Flags of St. Louis, Silver Dollar City and Worlds of Fun, all of which opened in June.

- On June 10, 2020 Maryland Governor Larry Hogan announced that effective June 12, 2020; Maryland's outdoor amusements would reopen, including miniature golf, go-carts and amusement rides and supporting businesses such as food stands and games.
- In early June, Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear approved the August opening of the Kentucky State Fair, which as similar offers to Kansas (grounds entertainment, livestock exhibition and shows, carnival rides, food and beverage vendors, games of chance and retail).
- The Delaware State Fair also is moving forward using a detailed plan. This plan includes much of a normal Delaware State Fair, except for concerts.
- Colorado, Nebraska and the Oklahoma State Fair are still on, with some modifications.
- Pennsylvania just opened up for outdoor recreation, thus so did the Lake Erie Speedway. The Speedway is hosting the All Star Monster Truck Tour June 19 – the same event coming to the 2020 Kansas State Fair. The event was reduced to 50 percent capacity (3,000-4,000 tickets) and has already profited (\$65,000 in sales) for the speedway.

The Fair acknowledges full and due consideration of operational and public health guidance provided by state and county leaders and has incorporated that guidance into this opening plan. The Fair shall periodically update this document with additional updated information as such updates become necessary.

Unlike other venues for mass gatherings such as concerts, movie theatres and sports arenas or stadiums, the Fair is differentiable along the following lines:

- The Fair can manage and reduce capacity at numerous different physical locations or points on the grounds in order to allow for appropriate social distancing. This includes all buildings, dining areas and the Grandstand.
- All of the Fair's grounds entertainment for 2020 is outdoors (See Grandstand and other entertainment section). The Fair encourages the open-air entertainment concept.
- The majority of livestock-related programming occurs in structures with open-air or the ability to create an open-air space, with the exception of Prairie Pavilion and Expo Center. The Prairie Pavilion recently had three large fans installed to help air movement.
- A majority of Fairgrounds dining occurs outside. The remaining will occur under roof but with staff who will disinfect tables and chairs.
- The Fair's guests freely move throughout the outdoor portion of the Fairgrounds, and its buildings, barns and tents. The Fair's guests are not sitting in a single location, elbow-to-elbow, for an extended period of time.
- A majority of the Fair's attendance is made up of family members who live in the same home and thus do not need to be physically distanced from each other.

#### RESOURCES:

Physical Distancing (U.S. CDC):

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/social-distancing.html>

## **INTRODUCTION**

The principles and considerations outlined in this document were compiled from fair, outdoor attractions, amusement, agriculture, livestock exposition, food service, and commercial vendor industry trade associations including International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE), and other Kansas and federal sources.

The principles included in this plan are designed to provide the State of Kansas Office of the Governor and the Department of Health and Environment with assurance that the Fair, if given the opportunity to open and operate during the period Sept. 11-20, 2020, such operations can and will be conducted in compliance with then-existing phased guidance and public health protocols in place early September.

In order to prepare such a plan, many key and critical assumptions have been made as to where the Fair reasonably believes the state will be by Sept. 1 relative to public health protocols and the phased restarting of the Kansas economy.

The Fair has considered all three forms of official guidance:

1. General Guidance: Applicable to anyone outdoors while at the fairgrounds or in the roofed structures (without side walls); and
2. Industry Guidance: Applicable to indoor exposition and retail operations as well as outdoor and indoor food and beverage sales and consumption areas; and
3. Individual Business Guidance: The Fair has developed and appreciates individual case-by-case guidance offered by the Reno County Health Department, Kansas Department of Health and Environment and Fire Marshal officials who recognize the many facets or types of businesses conducted during the annual fair.

## **PROPOSAL**

The following is a catalog of operational enhancements and contingency planning concepts currently under consideration by the Fair's staff aimed at satisfying what the Fair assumes to be the appropriate public health guidelines in late summer.

### **MAP IDENTIFYING MAJOR OPERATION AND PROGRAMMING AREAS (See Exhibit "C")**

- Parking and shuttles;
- Admission gates;
- First Aid;
- Grounds entertainment and attractions;
- Competitive exhibit areas, sponsor, commercial vending, government officials and agency exhibit space;
- Outdoor and indoor food and beverage sales and dining areas;
- Outdoor commercial exhibition of equipment and general wares;
- Nex-Tech Wireless Grandstand

### **PROTOCOLS APPLICABLE TO ALL OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMMING AREAS**

#### **GENERAL HEALTH AND SAFETY**

1. Face coverings will be encouraged for all Fair patrons and staff.
2. All individuals while outside anywhere on the Fairgrounds **WHEN IN PUBLIC** shall be encouraged to maximize physical distance from others.
3. Building occupancy could be addressed on busy days – including weekends and Dillons Dollar Day.
4. Disposable gloves shall be worn by all individuals preparing or otherwise coming in direct contact with food or beverage sold on the grounds.
5. Guests occupying Fair provided outdoor public seating (entertainment zones, livestock judging and dining) shall be encouraged to maintain social distancing between unrelated parties. Live entertainers shall frequently make announcements before and during their performances reinforcing and encouraging guests' compliance with social distancing protocols.
6. Frequent handwashing is essential and is the responsibility of all employees and patrons. The Fair will widely communicate reminders of the importance of frequently washing hands with soap and water for 20 seconds.
7. The Fair shall increase the number of free-standing hand sanitizer dispensers on the fairgrounds including eating areas, shuttle stops, gates, etc. Hand sanitizer used shall be alcohol-based (min. 60%) and have anti-microbial agent(s) that kills or renders inactive 99.9% of all known bacteria, viruses, and fungi that are present on surfaces.
8. The wearing of cloth face coverings (masks) or face shields by guests, exhibitors, vendors, carnival personnel, all entertainers, staff and volunteers will be encouraged as follows:

### Outdoor Activities

<u>Activities</u>	<u>Face Coverings Recommended</u>	<u>Examples</u>
Parking	Yes	All Parking Lots
Shuttles	Yes	Parking shuttles and on-grounds trams
Gates - Entering the Fairgrounds	Yes	Gates 1-11
Food and Beverage Dining Areas and Outdoor Vendors	Yes	Train area, Cottonwood Court
Retail	Yes	Buildings
Entertainment	Yes	Fountain, Racing Pigs, Grandstand*, milking parlor
Carnival	Yes	Rides, Attractions, and Games

### Under Roof (no sidewalls) Activities

<u>Activities</u>	<u>Face Coverings Recommended</u>	<u>Examples</u>
Livestock Judging	Yes	Livestock Annex; Sheep, Goat, Swine;
Livestock Display and Exhibition	Yes	Petting Zoo, Moo U Barn Tours, All barns

### Inside Fully Enclosed Buildings and Structured Tents

	<u>Face Coverings Recommended</u>	<u>Examples</u>
Indoor Commercial Retail	Yes*	Meadowlark, Sunflower buildings,
Indoor Sponsor Display and Exhibits	Yes*	
Livestock Judging	Yes	Expo, Prairie Pavilion
Indoor Competitive Exhibit Areas	Yes*	Domestic Arts, 4-H
Restrooms	Yes	

\*Face coverings required.

9. Where privacy and modesty can be preserved, the Fair shall leave open restroom doors in order for users to avoid touching high contact objects such as restroom doors and handles.
10. Where face coverings are not required, the Fair will manage overall outdoor entertainment and livestock judging seating capacity.
11. The Fair has reevaluated all grounds entertainment show times and has strolling acts who are better equipped to perform to smaller groups throughout the grounds and to communicate to attendees their need to adhere to and follow social distancing protocols. Transactions at the gate with the public; the Fair will encourage the following practices:
  - The Fair will promote and encourage advance online purchases of gate admission passes.
  - The Fair will promote the use of touchless payment systems, arrange credit card readers so guests can insert/swipe their own cards and arrange touchless scanning of gate tickets. The Fair is working with Etix – our ticketing provider.
12. First Aid protocols administered by the Fair and Reno County EMS personnel shall address how to manage guests, volunteers or employees who present with COVID-19 symptoms.
13. Personnel will be equipped with appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).
14. Fair staff and Reno County EMS shall identify an isolation/quarantine area.
15. The Fair will thoroughly clean and sanitize locations visited by a guest, volunteer or employee with COVID-19 symptoms. KDHE or CDC public health guidelines will be followed.
16. The Fair and its vendors will engage in the periodic cleaning and disinfecting of commonly used and touched surfaces (i.e. tables, counters, handrails, baby changing stations, soap dispensers, benches, door handles, toilets, faucets, sinks, etc.
17. Employee areas, including equipment at gates, ticket office and buildings, will be sanitized regularly.
18. The Fair's "Clean Team" shall initiate and maintain periodic cleaning and disinfecting of public seating areas in the Cottonwood Court, livestock judging patron seating bleachers and bleacher seating in entertainment zones.
19. When determining cleaning/sanitizing frequency, the Fair will take the following factors into account:
  - 1) Traffic/number of touches; and
  - 2) The environment (indoor/outdoor, warm/cold, wet/dry) and location; and
  - 3) The surface being cleaned; and
  - 4) The cleaning agent's chemical properties (including virus kill times and drying times).



20. Tractor-pulled shuttle trolleys, as well as the Fair's new trams, will be used to transport guests from remote parking areas to the gates and for on-grounds transportation along established routes. Shuttle drivers shall remind riders to maintain the appropriate amount of physical separation and shall manage the available onboard space to accommodate these public health protocols.  
Recorded programming on Fair trams will remind Fairgoers of safety protocols.
21. The carnival will adhere to social distancing guidelines and continuous cleaning efforts to maintain patron safety. (See Carnival Section)
22. The Fair and carnival will provide proper signage and literature to ensure that all volunteers, employees and departmental superintendents know the symptoms of COVID-19 and follow protocols if symptoms develop.
23. The Fair will position sanitizing stations near all vending and ATM machines and monitor their status.

#### **RESOURCES:**

1. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA):  
<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>
2. U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC):  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>
3. Handwashing (World Health Organization):  
<https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/inaugural-who-partners-forum/who-interim-recommendation-on-obligatory-hand-hygiene-against-transmission-of-covid-19.pdf>
4. Virus Prevention  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/>
5. At-Risk Guests  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/>
6. Cloth Face Coverings:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

## BUILDING PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THE FAIR AND GUEST COMMUNICATIONS

1. Communication protocols will be developed by the Fair to communicate the need to address:
  - COVID-19 specific emergency medical service calls;
  - Any need for an immediate cleaning or sanitation service.
2. The Fair's Marketing Department shall develop important lines of communication conveyed through the Fair's website, social media channels and on-grounds signage warning exhibitors, employees, volunteers, and guests about the risk of contracting COVID-19 in any public space. Messaging shall take the following form:

*"The Kansas State Fair is committed to keeping you healthy and safe, but we cannot guarantee you won't be exposed to COVID-19. We rely on you to protect yourself. Please:*

  - ✓ *Wash your hands often and avoid touching your face.*
  - ✓ *Maintain your distance from others.*
  - ✓ *Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.*
  - ✓ *Avoid unnecessarily touching any surfaces, objects or things while on the fairgrounds*
  - ✓ *If you are sick, please don't attend the Fair and encourage your family not to attend until you are well."*
2. The Fair will communicate new COVID-19-related operational procedures to guests prior to their arrival via the Fair's website and various social media platforms aimed at establishing reasonable expectations and instilling confidence by the public including:
  - Identifying COVID-19 symptoms and messaging that asks guest to come back another day if anyone in their party is experiencing the symptoms; and
  - Recommend the wearing of masks/ face coverings for employees and guests; and Physical distancing guidelines; and
  - General efforts undertaken by the Fair to facilitate social distancing; and
  - The Fair's enhanced cleaning and sanitizing protocols.
3. The Fair will have signage aimed at effectively and efficiently communicating many of the public health protocols identified hereunder as follows:
  - A. General Protocols
    - Promote Robust Health Policy for our Guests - Prior to visiting the Fair, all guests will be asked to review our health policy on our website, which requires that all attendees to have been healthy for at least 14 days prior to their visit.
  - B. Social Distancing Protocols:
    - Promote separation in all Lines - We will have clear markers for all of our Fairground's entry, ride, restroom and dining queues to help guests keep a safe distance from one another.

- Separate Guests on Rides & Attractions - Minimize contact between parties and follow social distancing guidelines for each of all amusement rides and attractions (See Carnival Section).
- Promote Guest Separation in Seating Areas – Will encourage social distancing.
- Reduce Indoor Facility Venue Capacity - While the majority of the Kansas State Fair experience takes place outdoors, we do have indoor shopping and exhibit areas. Capacity at each of these buildings can be reduced to ensure that there is plenty of room for social distancing as previously stated.

C. Sanitation and Disinfection Protocols:

- Enhanced Cleaning Teams to Disinfect Common Areas - We are significantly increasing our efforts to sanitize and disinfect all high touch points, such as chairs, benches, tables, etc.
- Provide Hand Sanitizer Stations throughout the Fair - We will have a large number of hand sanitizer stations throughout the Fairgrounds offering free hand sanitizer to guests and employees.
- The Fair has 13 bathrooms for hand washing for Guests throughout the Fair. Also, the Fair is having Sudsy's Handwashing Station, sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation, located at the Birthing Center.
- Clean and Sanitize Restroom Areas regularly.
- Clean & Sanitize Employee Work Areas - Employee work areas will be sanitized multiple times each day according to CDC guidelines.
- Priority Cleaning Regimen for All Dining Areas - Trained, dedicated staff will continuously monitor and disinfect dining areas.
- Vendors will eliminate Open-Access Condiment, Topping Stations - Ketchup, mustard and other condiments will now be securely stored and served to guests upon request. Condiments could also be served in packages.
- Vendors will eliminate Self-Service Cutlery & Napkin Stations - Knives, and forks will now be securely stored and provided to guests with their meal, as required or upon request.

D. Signage, Communications and Training Protocols:

- Guest Communication Program - Guest emails will regularly feature information about how to best plan for a visit to the Fairgrounds. Topics will include new ticket selling protocols, social distancing recommendations, disinfectant procedures, and more.
- Display Social Distancing & Hygiene Signage - Signage reminding guests to practice social distancing and good hand hygiene will be displayed conspicuously throughout the Fairgrounds.

- COVID-19 Training for All Fair Employees - We will require all of our employees to attend orientation sessions instructing them how to stay safe and keep our guests safe.
- E. 2020 Employee Policy. A copy of the Fair's 2020 Health and Safety Policy is attached hereto and referred to herein by reference. This policy shall be displayed on the Fair's website and near each guest admission gate.

## **ADMISSION AND ENTRY**

- A. The Fair will promote buying online both pre-Fair and during the Fair. Between Sept. 11-20 – the dates of the Fair – the Fair will encourage patrons to buy online or at Dillons by offering a \$2 discount (\$10 adult gate admission) as an incentive.
- B. The Fair will implement touchless scanning at each gate. Livestock exhibitors also will have wristbands that will not require scanning.
- C. To help spread out Fair attendance from the busiest days (weekends and Dollar Day Monday), the Fair considers these incentives and discounts.
  - Offer a "Free after 4 p.m." on Tuesday, Sept. 15 promotion to encourage Fairgoers to visit the grounds on the Fair's typically least populated day.
- D. Enhanced marketing efforts will be undertaken by the Fair to publicize these special deals.
- E. The Fair shall develop dialog with significant stakeholders (i.e. carnival and vendors) to increase the availability of contactless transactions including the payment for goods or services, handling of coupons and tickets, the application of wristbands.
- F. Gate staff will wear face coverings at all times. Additional protocols are being explored for ticket sellers and other gate staff occupying small enclosures.

## **OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT AREAS**

Free outdoor entertainment zones include the Bretz and Young Injury Lawyers Arena, Hutchinson Regional Healthcare System Stage at Lake Talbott, Hedrick Petting Zoo, carnival, racing pig show and Gottschalk Park.

Family members and persons living in the same household will be encouraged to sit together. All other individuals will be encouraged to maintain physical distance from unrelated persons. Entertainers will be asked to make frequent announcements regarding distancing.

## **AGRICULTURE – LIVESTOCK SHOWS**

### **A. Grand Drive**

1. Move-in times of individual species will be staggered to allow for enhanced distancing among exhibitors and their family members.
2. Stall assignments will be posted before arrival. Counties will be stalled together. Stalling will begin earlier and closed earlier on the first Friday, Sept. 11. This is to finish the move-in process before the public arrives on the Fairgrounds, which will help with the flow and social distancing.
3. Check in will be changed from exhibitors lining up at the arena to Kansas State Fair staff checking in by counties at the pens.
4. Bleacher seating shall be offered in the following barns for guests to observe livestock judging events: Expo; Prairie Pavilion, Sheep, Goat, Swine; Livestock Annex, Expo 2. Signs will be posted for people to maintain social distancing when sitting in the bleachers.
5. We will post signs for no standing at the show ring to observe the shows. Patrons will be encouraged to sit in the bleachers or view from the LED screens in each barn.
6. Class sizes will be smaller to help with social distancing.
7. There will be no shared tack stalls. Exhibitors will be encouraged to store tack above or on the outside of their pens.
8. The Fair plans to live-stream livestock judging events via Walton Webcasting.
9. Because of the large crowd of the annual Grand Drive and Gala the first weekend of the Fair, the Fair has taken the following steps to enhance compliance with social distancing protocols:
  - Move the Gala to a separate building from the Grand Drive event. This will free up more space in the Prairie Pavilion for the show and allow for social distancing by the exhibitors. The meal has been changed from a buffet-style to be plated by the catering staff. Exhibitors will line up outside and we will control the numbers allowed in the building to pick up their meal. Exhibitors then exit the building and return to their barn or stalling area to eat.
  - Reduce the numbers in Prairie Pavilion by only allowing sponsors of the event, staff, exhibitors that are showing and their immediate family into the Prairie Pavilion.
  - The GD will rotate through the species and only have that species showing in the barn at that time.
  - Plan B greatly reduces the number in the barn and increases the ability to social distance. However, a Plan C could be to eliminate the combined Grand Drive and just hold individual species Grand Drive shows in their

designated show ring on a rotating schedule.

#### **B. All Other Livestock**

Since livestock judges actively engage with both exhibitors and animals in the show ring, the Fair has prescribed new guidance for judge participation and interaction to include the following:

- Social distancing between judge and handler/exhibitor except when examining the animal by touch or feel is required; and
- Allow only immediate family members to appear in any livestock show staged photos. Judges should not be requested to nor appear in any of these photos.
- Exhibitors will utilize the new ShoWorks app to do self check in.
- Judges will not shake hands with exhibitors during the shows. Instead of the typical thank-you handshake, we will allow each judge to announce how they want to handle the interaction between them and the winners. Example: Maybe an elbow bump instead.
- A sponsor is providing bandanas for all exhibitors that can be worn in the show ring if exhibitors choose to wear a face covering.
- We will eliminate the award ceremonies for each show if social distancing can't be maintained.

## **COMMERCIAL EXHIBIT, COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT AND SPONSOR EXHIBIT BUILDINGS AND TENTS**

- A. Face coverings will be required. Each commercial building will have directional isles. One-way traffic will be marked. Each entrance and exit will be clearly marked.
- B. 4-H exhibit release will be staggered on Sunday, Sept. 20.
- C. Vendors who want to share samples with patrons will have to serve samples in a Dixie cup or similar fashion. Patrons will not be allowed to self-serve.

### **Encampment Building**

Extended stay lodging only. Must stay a minimum number of days to be determined later.

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## **CARNIVAL RIDES AND GAMES (NORTH AMERICAN MIDWAY ENTERTAINMENT)**

North American Midway Entertainment (NAME) recognizes that resuming public gatherings in 2020 will require a reevaluation of cleaning and other protocols given the advent of the novel coronavirus. Safety has always been our number one priority. This philosophy applies not only to the quality of rides and inspections, but also to the commitment to minimizing the risk of transmission of the novel coronavirus as much as possible on the Fair midway.

Please refer to the NAME's recommendations on page 18.

### **FOOD AND BEVERAGE SALES AND DINING AREAS**

- A. All napkins shall be distributed to Fair guests directly by a cashier or server.
- B. Condiments shall be distributed or applied by a cashier or server. No guest operated self-serve condiment containers (i.e. squirt bottles or dispensers) will be permitted.
- C. Individual eating utensils must be distributed directly by a cashier or server or be individually pre-packaged and wrapped in cellophane.
- D. No self-serve open straw boxes will be permitted. Straws should be distributed directly by a cashier or server.
- E. Cottonwood Court, the Fair's indoor dining area, could be reduced in capacity during busy times.
- F. Food vendor and Fair-managed seating areas shall be cleaned and disinfected after guests exit their seats and before the seating of new guests. A deep cleaning shall take place at the end of the night and before guest sales begin the next day.
- G. Unrelated parties and guests should be encouraged by way of signage to seek and occupy their own tables or areas of general seating that support appropriate distancing between unrelated parties.

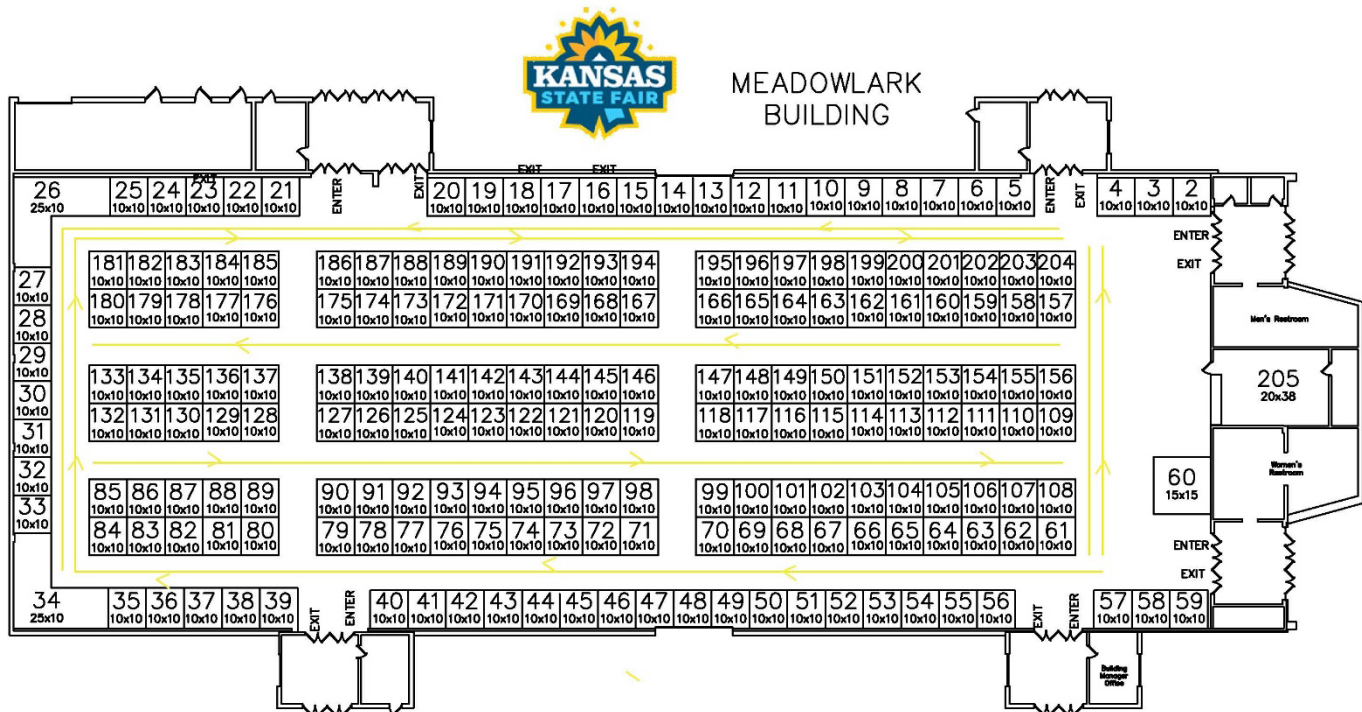
- H. Food vendors will dispense all food and drink items directly to the guest. Beverage refill standards will be set by local health authorities.
- I. Food vending employees who handle cash shall not handle food, per Kansas Department of Agriculture guidelines.
- J. All food and beverage service personnel will be encouraged to wear masks. Gloves are required as recommended by KDHE. It will be the concessionaires' responsibility to provide all employees with face coverings and disposable gloves.

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# EXAMPLE:

## DIRECTIONAL MAP MEADOWLARK BUILDING



# Midway Reopening



## SAFELY REOPENING THE MIDWAY IN THE COVID-19 ERA

### A COMMITMENT TO OUR FAIR AND FESTIVAL PARTNERS

North American Midway Entertainment (NAME) recognizes that resuming public gatherings in 2020 will require a reevaluation of cleaning and other protocols given the advent of the novel coronavirus. As you, our event partners, well know: **Safety has always been our number one priority.** This philosophy applies not only to the quality of our rides and inspections, but also to our commitment to minimizing the risk of transmission of the novel coronavirus as much as possible on our midway.

We are monitoring the markets where we have events scheduled for any changes in state by state guidelines with respect to the novel coronavirus. As states begin to ease restrictions on public gatherings, we are going to take time to review our operations and ensure we have necessary precautions in place to protect our guests and team members before we open our midway. We will not open an event until we can meet applicable local and state guidelines and your expectations.

In general, we anticipate that the midway this year will include some combination of the following:

- NAME staff self-screening and temperature checks prior to each shift
- Enhanced sanitizing and disinfecting, especially of high touch areas
- Increased availability of hand sanitizing stations
- Facial coverings and glove use as recommended by the CDC
- Additional staff training and supervision on new protocols and best practices
- Encouraging guests to wear masks or other facial coverings
- Physical distancing in queue lines and on rides
- Implementation of no-touch admission and/or cashless payment, where possible

We will work with each one of you to mutually determine the best approach to opening the midway at your event, given the individual space constraints and other relevant factors. In the meantime, we are already working to develop social distancing and other protocols to ensure that we will be able to deliver a safe experience for both our team members and our guests. A safe midway experience is our very highest priority.

We look forward to working with you in the coming weeks and months to make 2020 a safe and successful year for all of us!

Danny Huston  
President & CEO  
North American Midway Entertainment

# FAIRGROUNDS MAP 2020





# **Kansas State Fair**

## **2020 Health & Safety Policy**

**IMPORTANT, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE ENTERING THE FAIRGROUNDS**

The health and safety of everyone entering the fairgrounds is our top priority. We have implemented several measures that you will see throughout the Fairgrounds that are designed to protect the Fair's guests, exhibitors, concessionaires, employees and volunteers from potential exposure to the COVID-19 virus ("Coronavirus") by minimizing contacts, promoting social distancing and enhancing sanitation throughout the property.

In addition, to further protect the health and safety of persons on the fairgrounds, you will not be admitted to the grounds and you should stay home if – within the past 14 days – you have:

1. Tested positive or have been deemed presumptively positive with the Coronavirus;
2. Sought testing to determine whether you might have the Coronavirus, and have not yet received the results;
3. Been informed that you may have been exposed to Coronavirus or learned that you have been in the immediate vicinity of a person now known to have been carrying the Coronavirus; or
4. Experienced any of the following symptoms commonly associated with the Coronavirus, including cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, OR two or more of any of the following: fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell.

As encouraged by the State of Kansas, once you enter the Fairgrounds, there are certain buildings and areas where you must or are encouraged (depending upon the building or area) to:

- The Kansas State Fair recommends protective face mask or facial protective gear (other than children two and under) while inside any of the Fair's fully enclosed buildings; and
- Adhere to the social distancing and personal sanitization guidelines posted throughout the grounds.
- The Fair reserves the right to modify these requirements on a case-by-case basis to accommodate any circumstance that in the Fair's sole discretion warrants a modification to this policy.
- The Kansas State Fair cannot guarantee that you will not be exposed to Coronavirus during your visit or while on any part of the Fairgrounds.
- The CDC advises that older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19.
- Guests should evaluate their own risk in determining whether to attend. People who show no symptoms can potentially spread Coronavirus if they are infected and any interaction with the general public poses an elevated risk of being exposed to Coronavirus.
- By coming to the fairgrounds in any capacity, you acknowledge and agree that you assume these inherent risks associated with your presence on the fairgrounds.
- If at any time the Fair determines that someone on the grounds does not meet the criteria outlined in this policy, the Fair reserves the right to refuse entry or (if the person is already on the grounds) immediately remove that person from the grounds.
- These actions are at the sole discretion of the Kansas State Fair.
- By entering the fairgrounds, you acknowledge that you have read, understand and agree to abide by this policy.

This policy has been approved by the Kansas State Fair Board on \_\_\_\_\_