

Washington County Fair Board

Policy 209

Policy and Procedures for Managing Livestock Contact at the Washington County Fair

The Washington County Board of Commissioners has entrusted the Fair Board to give priority for the personal safety and security of members of the public who attend the Fair, as well as those who work and participate at the Fair. The Fair Board takes this matter seriously and has established the following policy and procedures for Fair Staff and Livestock Exhibitors in an effort to reduce transmission of diseases from animals to humans at the Washington County Fair.

1. Expectations and Procedures to Reduce Contamination

- Livestock Exhibitors shall participate in Bio-Security training prior to exhibiting Livestock at the Fair. This training shall be conducted, at least once per year, by Washington County Public Health and the Fair Manager. If a livestock exhibitor fails to participate in Bio-Security training, the exhibitor may lose premiums and eligibility to participate at the Fair.
- To reduce the potential risks between animals and the public, County Fair staff, under the direction of the Fair Manager, shall set up the livestock barns, pens and show rings in a manner that prevents animals and the public from crossing paths yet still gives the public the opportunity to see and interact with the animals and the exhibitors. The Fair Manager shall gather input from Livestock Superintendents on layouts and make the best decision based upon this input, and other factors such as the number of animal entries, to minimize animals/exhibitors and the public from using the same pathways. If needed, a crossing area where animals are allowed to cross the public pathway shall be designated and managed by Fair Staff who shall ensure that during livestock crossing the public will not be allowed into the area and the area will be completely sanitized (Chemical SDS will be posted), and logged, prior to opening the area back up to the public.
- County Fair staff shall provide the following signage, in languages including but not limited to English and Spanish: (1) signs explaining the risks of animal-to-human disease at the entrances to the Fair and the Livestock barn areas; and (2) signs in the barns and showrings reminding the public to not eat or drink in the livestock areas, to not touch their face or mouth after petting the animals or touching the pens, to wash their hands when leaving the livestock area, and to store all personal belongings in plastic zip lock bags that will be provided by the Fair prior to entering the livestock area.
- County Fair staff shall provide an adequate number of handwashing trailers throughout the livestock area. These handwashing trailers shall be ADA-compliant and accessible by small children. Handwashing trailers shall be inspected and serviced hourly by Fair staff to ensure that they are operational and stocked with supplies. When possible, handwashing trailers should be staffed with volunteers to encourage the public to wash their hands. Handwashing trailers shall be located at the entrance/exits to the livestock area including next to the Dairy Women's Ice Cream booth. To encourage handwashing and shoe and stroller sanitization prior to leaving the livestock area, the

handwashing trailers shall be located as close as possible to the walkways where the public will be exiting the livestock area.

- If available, trained public health volunteers shall be stationed at the entrances to the livestock areas to educate the public on staying healthy around animals. These volunteers shall provide plastic bags to store food, beverages, pacifiers, toys, cups and other items during visits to the animal areas.
- Exhibitors shall keep their areas in the barn clean, remove manure from their pens and animal pathways as soon as possible, wipe down panels that are accessible by the public with bleach wipes several times during each day, keep animal pathways misted to prevent dust, keep all fans that are used to keep the animals cool at least 3 feet off the ground and position the fans airflow to prevent the creation of dust or movement of the bedding. Fair staff and exhibitors shall work together to keep public spaces in the barns, showrings, and other livestock areas clean.
- Exhibitors shall clean or change their shoes and wash their hands before leaving the barn/showring areas to prevent contaminating public areas. Chemical SDS shall be posted for cleaning supplies.
- When the public touch the animals and the animal pens, the exhibitors shall remind the public to wash their hands with soap and water and to not touch their face or mouth until they have completely washed their hands. This is the perfect time to provide public education regarding the importance of animal-to-human safety.
- Consumption of food and beverages are strictly prohibited inside the barns and show rings for the public and exhibitors. Due to the heat and the amount of time exhibitors spend in the barns, exhibitors may drink beverages as needed from containers with a twist off cap while in the barns and show rings.
- The milking parlor, animal washing areas, and the backsides of the barns shall be completely blocked from public access and public pathways.

2. Communication to Exhibitors

- The Fair Manager shall work with the Oregon State University 4-H Extension Agent and Future Farmers of America Advisors to arrange for information to be provided to youth livestock exhibitors and their parents regarding these policies and procedures, trainings, and other pertinent livestock exhibitor information regarding the County Fair at least 3 months prior to the first day of the Fair.
- For Open Class livestock exhibitors, information regarding these policies and other pertinent livestock exhibitor information shall be posted on the Fair website at least 3 months prior to the first day of the Fair.