



# 2021 Hillsborough County Fair

## *COVID Protocols*

### **Protocols for the 2021 Fair:**

- 1) Masks/Face Coverings or proof of vaccine would NOT be required for admission into the fair.
- 2) All events in accordance with the Hillsborough County Emergency Plan regarding social distancing would be followed
- 3) Social Distancing Signage will be placed at all key areas of the fair where crowds would tend to gather including main gates, arena events, restrooms, shows and events.
- 4) Hand Sanitizer Stations would be placed throughout the grounds and maintained on a regular basis. Frequent Handwashing is essential and is the responsibility for all employees, guests, and volunteers. The fair will communicate reminders of the importance of washing hands and use of hand sanitizer stations. Hand Sanitizer used will be alcohol based and will be on industry standards
- 5) Restrooms will be cleaned on a routine basis with proper cleaning disinfectant.
- 6) Exhibition Building Door Handles will be cleaned every 30 minutes with proper disinfectant.
- 7) In areas where crowds gather for between the following.

Arena Events, Entertainment Pavilion, Entertainment Acts, Livestock Shows social distancing and hand sanitizer stations. Guest occupying Fair provided outdoor public seating for these areas will be encouraged to maintain at least a 6' distance between unrelated parties. Fair volunteers, board members and staff shall convey all social distancing guidelines verbally and with signage. Announcements will be made to all those seating in areas of events or judging reinforcing and encouraging guests to comply with social distancing guidelines.
- 8) Carnival Operator would be responsible for sanitary guidelines and social distancing requirements for all rides, games, food vendors and gathering areas operated and owned by the carnival operation including guest stations, ride ticket booths, atm and carnival office
- 9) Commercial Vendors would be responsible for their rental space and disinfecting common areas.
- 10) Food vendors would be responsible for their vendor operation, health and safety of their staff and disinfecting common areas and surfaces.
- 11) The Fair association can manage social distancing restrictions in all outdoor are with proper signage and hand sanitizers including the Open End of the Livestock Pavilion, Entertainment Pavilion, Arena Events. These events occur in areas under roof or no roof with no walls other vertical impediments to allow for free and open-air exchange.
- 12) In cases involving transactions with the public, the fair will encourage the following:
  - a. The Fair will promote and encourage the advance online purchase of gate admissions and arena events

- b. The Fair will promote and encourage the use of touchless payment systems, arranging credit card readers so guests can insert and swipe their own cards for payment
- c. First Aid Protocols administered by the fair to make sure personnel is equipped with appropriate personal protective equipment
- d. The fair shall engage in the periodic cleaning and disinfecting of commonly used and touched surfaces (ATMs, tables, counters, handrails, baby changing tables, soap dispensers, handles, panic bars, etc.)
- e. Anywhere there is a potential for a formation of a line, devices shall be used to promote distancing between parties so patrons can maintain a safe distance.
- f. The fair and carnival will provide proper signage to ensure all volunteers, employees and board members know the symptoms of COVID-19 and what protocols to follow if symptoms develop.
- g. The fair shall communicate with its exhibitors, guests, staff, and volunteers about the risk of contracting COVID -19. Messages that will be relayed shall be
  - i. Wash your hands often and avoid touching your face
  - ii. Maintain proper distance from others
  - iii. Avoid unnecessary touching any surfaces, objects, or things while on the grounds
  - iv. If you are sick, showing symptoms of COVID-19 or have tested positive for COVID-19, do not attend the fair and encourage your family not to attend
- h. Social Distancing Protocols with Signage
  - i. Promote 6 ft separation in all venues – including fair entry, ride lines, restrooms, and fair food vendors
  - ii. Separate guests on rides and attractions
  - iii. All seating options – benches, food vendor seating, picnic tables, etc. shall be placed to promote 6 ft distancing
  - iv. Separation of guests in entertainment viewing areas – those viewing entertainment areas will be seated 6 feet apart from each party.
- i. Enhanced Cleaning Protocols
  - i. Common areas will be disinfected on efforts to sanitize chairs, benches, and bleacher
  - ii. Hand Sanitizer Stations will be located through the fair offering free hand sanitizer to guests and volunteers
  - iii. Monitor and Sanitize Restroom Area and all areas that will be commonly touched – door handles, sinks, soap stations
  - iv. Clean and Sanitize Workstations
  - v. Eliminate all open access condiments from food vendor stations

vi. Carnival provider will provide cleaning and disinfecting of seats, restraints, and handrails for all rides

j. Livestock Shows

i. Livestock exhibitors and participants will sign a COVID -19 Waiver at exhibitor check in.

k. Family Living/Competitive Events

i. The check -in and check-out will be reconfigured to maintain social distancing restrictions

ii. The fair will limit “hands-on” activity in the STEAM area. All surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected after activities.