



Phillips County Fair Communicable Disease Plan 2020

The purpose of this Communicable Disease Plan is to provide a guideline to protect community health and provide resources for personal hygiene and sanitation in order to produce an event that is safe and prudent so that participants and visitors can have a positive experience at the Phillips County Fair.

This plan and any supplemental plans or addendums will be reviewed by the Phillips County Board of Health to ensure alignment with current laws, emergency orders, and directives. There is no guarantee of an illness-free event in spite of extensive planning and embracing personal responsibility. Event organizers have an obligation to provide resources and facilities for individuals to practice good hygiene and other social protections. Individuals have an obligation to utilize facilities provided and practice social distancing and protective measures to prevent transmission of disease. Success in reducing disease transmission depends on event organizers providing facilities as much as it depends on individuals taking personal responsibility for their hygiene and social distancing. The Phillips County Fair Board, as an event coordinator, will provide opportunities for event participants to engage in good hygiene, including clean facilities, access to amenities for supporting good hygiene, and education related to good hygienic practices. Individuals must then take personal responsibility for their health and wellbeing and be willing to help protect the health and wellbeing of other event participants by utilizing those facilities.

Public Outreach: While the Fair Board intends to draw visitors to the Phillips County Fair, it is not intended to put those visitors at risk. Therefore, public outreach messages prior to events will ask visitors to stay home if they feel sick or feel they may have been exposed to a communicable disease, and to plan for good hygiene and social distancing while they attend the event. Messages will also stress the need for visitors to cooperate by taking personal responsibility during the event to reduce the threat of transmission.

Signage: The Fair Board will produce and erect signage that reminds event participants to engage in self assessments, good hygienic practices and social distancing. This signage will be placed at entrances and throughout the grounds and parking areas. Sanitizing stations will also be well-marked and directional signs erected as needed so that they are easily found by event participants throughout the grounds. Signage at plumbed restrooms will ask visitors waiting to use the facilities to do so outside and to practice social distancing while waiting.

Sanitizing Stations: The Fair Board will secure as many sanitizing stations as feasible and disperse them throughout activity areas during events. Along with plumbed restrooms with wash facilities, these facilities will be well marked so they are easily found by event participants and will be regularly cleaned, refreshed (grey water dumped, fresh water filled) and stocked with supplies. Event participants have the responsibility of regularly using sanitizing stations to reduce the spread of disease.

Food Vendors: All vendors must comply with regulations enforced through the Phillips County Sanitarian or other jurisdictional entities, including cleaning procedures, single-use condiments, etc.

Retail Goods Vendors: Vendors selling retail goods and providing information to the public will be encouraged to clean their products as much as possible, especially after a customer has touched them. This is also true for any credit card processing equipment. It will also be recommended that small signs be erected in each booth asking visitors to touch products as little as possible.

Face Coverings: Event staff that will have direct contact with the public and event participants will be encouraged and may be required to wear face coverings. This is especially true for staff that scans event tickets at stadium entrances, check in or sign up rodeo participants, perform equipment checks prior to the demolition derby, etc. When other physical barriers are in place, such as windows or plexi glass, face coverings will not be required, nor will they be required by fair-goers.

Health Screenings: Health screenings for each spectator are not feasible due to the sheer volume of adult visitors and the requirement for parental consent to screen minors that may be unaccompanied. The Fair Board will, through other measures described in this plan, provide facilities and opportunities to practice good hygiene and social distancing, as well as encourage personal responsibility and risk assessment through public outreach.

Social Distancing in Grandstands: The Fair Board will close off every other row in the grandstands in order to distance individuals and signage within the grandstand areas will remind event-goers to practice social distancing.

Social Distancing on Grounds: The Fair Board will produce and erect signage that reminds event participants to engage in social distancing. This signage will be placed at entrances and throughout the grounds. Individuals will be personally responsible for engaging in social distancing.