

2020 State Fair of VA Youth Livestock Shows COVID Guidelines, Safety Precautions, Logistics

Stalling:

- All livestock will be stalled and have pen space in one of the three permanent/semi-permanent facilities.
- At this time, livestock will not be allowed to be housed on trailers.
- Pens and stalls for ALL species will be assigned by family with attention paid to groups and areas of the State. There will not be a stall request process this year.
- There will be no tack stalls or supply pens in any of the barns where livestock are housed.

Tack and Family Areas:

- Families will use their trailers and area surrounding their trailer for personal family space and fitting/show prep. You may use pop-ups, generators, etc., and fitting chutes and trim stands should be kept in this area, as well.
- Parking spaces will not be assigned, but parking areas will be. These areas will be assigned based on the species a family has entered. Families exhibiting multiple species will be located in areas that allow for reasonable distance from applicable facilities. ***As a standalone, private event, there will be ample parking and areas that are normally inaccessible will be available for trailer parking.
- There will be no standalone pop-ups near and next to the barns as in previous years. Due to COVID restrictions and guidelines, everyone must be able to enter and exit the barn in multiple locations without passing through gathering areas or areas that do not allow for social distancing.

Schedule:

- Schedule has been modified to help provide families with the opportunity to decrease their time at the Fair and away from home.
- All exhibitors are encouraged and requested to leave after they have shown in their final class.
- Staggered arrival times provide flexibility and have been scheduled to reduce time on the grounds wherever possible.
- There are arrival options for youth who do not want to participate in showmanship, although showmanship is encouraged for all exhibitors.
- Transportation for Sale Animals is being arranged to help facilitate the release of livestock following respective shows. More information will be released as details are finalized.
- Show management reserves the right to adjust the schedule as necessary based on entry numbers or other variables that may not be known at this time.

Attendance:

- Forward Virginia, Phase 3 Guidelines for Fairs and Outdoor Amusement limit the number of people on the grounds. To comply with these guidelines, the following plans are currently in place:
 - This will be a No Spectator Event
 - Opportunities and options for livestreaming the events are being reviewed so families and others at home can enjoy the shows.
 - Each exhibitor will receive one wristband and each family will receive an additional two wristbands.
 - We are reviewing options to make more wristbands available once entries have closed and we receive additional information from the Health Department.
 - Wristbands will be checked upon entering and will be required by everyone on the grounds.

COVID 19 Restrictions and Guidelines:

- Per the Governor's Guidelines for Horse and Other Livestock Shows, and in compliance with guidelines from the CDC, VDH, Virginia Tech, and Virginia Cooperative Extension, the following guidelines will be implemented and enforced:
 - Social Distancing of at least 6-feet between exhibitors in line-up, the show ring, and when utilizing auxiliary areas such as wash racks.
 - Social Distancing of at least 6-feet between non-family members/groups around the show ring and the barns.
 - Masks are to be worn by the show staff and the judge when in the ring and whenever social distancing cannot be accomplished – this includes interaction in the show ring, the line-up area, weigh-in, check-in, or any other situation where social distancing is not feasible.
 - Masks are to be worn ringside by everyone watching the classes and should also be worn anywhere on the Fairgrounds – including wash areas and in the stalls/barns, when social distancing outside of your family pod is not feasible.
 - Masks are not required by youth while in the showing or in line-up, but are recommended at all times and required when social distancing cannot be accomplished.
 - One parent/family member will be allowed in the line-up area with the exhibitor, but must move to ringside viewing areas once the class begins.