

# MONTCALM COUNTY FAIR 2021

This plan has been developed to adhere to the current MDHHS Epidemic Order, effective March 5, 2021. This plan is fluid and may be updated at any time in order to establish best practices and compliance with future Epidemic Orders issued by MDHHS, the State of Michigan, or public health professionals.

## Events and gathering areas have been established as:

- Ash Building
- Outdoor food concessions
- Grandstand events
- Camping & bath-house area
- Livestock barns & show arenas
- Carnival midway

Each established area has been evaluated individually according to capacity levels and public health safety precautions. Signs will be posted in each area indicating current requirements for mask usage and occupancy limits for gatherings. Established areas have been evaluated for three different scenarios.

1. Fair with Public Access (low precautions)
2. Fair Participants & Families Only (medium precautions) – no public
3. Show & Go Fair (high precautions) – no public, no overnight visitors or animals

## General Rules Applying to the Entire Fairgrounds

1. Masks are required at all times for anyone ages 5+, when in the Ash building, or when in areas where 6 ft. distancing cannot be maintained. Exceptions are when seated inside the food concessions area, within boundaries of your campsite, while judging food projects or when medically unable **and** verbally indicated.
2. Screening questions will be asked of each vehicle at the gate upon entry. Any failure of health screening questions or refusal to answer will result in denied entry.
  - In the past 14 days, has anyone in the vehicle had symptoms such as fever, cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat, loss of taste or smell? [ ] yes [ ] no
  - In the past 14 days, has anyone in the vehicle had contact with anyone diagnosed as Positive COVID-19? [ ] yes [ ] no
  - In the past 14 days, has anyone in the vehicle traveled internationally or taken a cruise? [ ] yes [ ] no

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3. Six-foot distancing must be maintained between persons at all times, unless persons are members of the same household.
4. Volunteers are required to wear masks at all times during their shift.
5. All persons must follow directional signs for foot traffic in barn aisles and Ash Building.
6. Food and drink consumption is only allowed when seated within the marked food concessions areas, within boundaries of your campsite, or while judging food projects.
7. High-touch areas will be cleaned frequently according to CDC guidelines.
8. Main fair office doors will remain closed. Entry of participants or family members will be by staff acceptance only, with room capacity no more than 4 persons.
9. Capacity limits (according to present orders) would be no more than 1000 total persons on the grounds, 300 person limit at outdoor gatherings/auctions/shows, and no more than 25 persons per room inside Ash Building.
10. Montcalm County Fair Board will designate a fair board member as a ***Point of Contact*** responsible for responding to all COVID-19 related situations and concerns during fair week.
11. Make sure all exhibitors, guests and campers know how to contact this person.
12. Educate the exhibitors/campers prior to fair **not** to attend if they become sick with COVID-19 symptoms, test positive for COVID-19, or have been exposed to someone with symptoms or someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.
13. Make sure that all exhibitors/campers know that if they get sick during fair, they should notify the designated COVID-19 ***Point of Contact*** right away.
14. Develop a plan if someone gets sick or shows symptoms of COVID-19 during fair week.
15. Immediately separate individual(s) with COVID-19 symptoms from others.
16. If someone on the fairgrounds has symptoms, they will be isolated. If a camper, they will be quarantined to their camp site (they are to stay inside their camper) until they are able to safely leave the fairgrounds.

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## Ash Building - Scenario #1

1. No more than 25 persons gathered in each indoor area:
  - Commons Area/Bathrooms
  - Exhibit Room
  - Judging Room
2. Persons within the building must practice social distancing (6 ft.) from anyone outside of their household.
3. East and West end doors will remain partially open when weather permits to encourage maximum air flow throughout the building and control traffic patterns.
4. Bathroom capacity will be no greater than 50%, with volunteers providing sanitation of high touch areas frequently.
5. Hand sanitizer will be available at all entry doors. Masks may be provided to those without.
6. Judging of projects will be broken up into time blocks to decrease persons within the building.
7. Floor markings will be used to indicate participants' place in line before judges. When the building capacity is reached, participants will be asked to wait outdoors or in their vehicles.
8. Still Exhibit Auction would take place outdoors in a designated area.

## Ash Building - Scenario #2

1. No more than 25 persons gathered in each indoor area:
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  - Exhibit Room
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8. Still Exhibit Auction would not take place as a live auction. Remote possibilities could be explored for this event if necessary. One scenario could be as a silent auction, held for a specified time block with families writing in bid amount using a unique ID number.

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### Ash Building - Scenario #3

1. Ash Building would be closed to families and participants. Office staff present in the building would post their cell-phone or desk phone number on the entry doors. Services and questions would be handled at the entry door, not inside the building.

### Outdoor Concessions—All Scenarios

1. All concessions will be in one area and sectioned off for the designated area.
2. Tables will be spaced apart to adhere to social distancing guidelines.
3. Ground will be marked for social distancing in areas where lines would form.
4. Hand sanitizers and "Must Wear Mask" signs will be placed throughout the area per CDC or Michigan Health Department guidelines.
5. Tables will be cleaned and sanitized after each use.
6. All concessionaires will adhere to rules and regulations as stated per their licensing from the Health Department guidelines, as well as food/concessions license issued by MDHHS.



## Grandstand Area—All Scenarios

1. Limit number of tickets sold per event.
  - Do an early ticket sale, but not too early. Maybe just 2 weeks before event for non-fair participants
2. Section off areas of the grandstand.
  - Tape off sections according to guidelines
  - OR
  - Tape off every other row of seats
3. To control the flow of the traffic, make an entrance closer to the grandstands.
  - Open a section of the fencing closer to the grandstands.
  - Ticket check/buy station at the normal spot by the grandstand entrance.
    - ◊ This will limit the number of people going into the Ash Building.
4. Sanitize the grandstands and all high touch areas in grandstands before and after the shows.
5. Handwashing stations/sanitizers near entrance/exits.
6. Post signs all around the entrances and throughout the grandstand area for COVID restrictions.
  - Examples: Masks required except when seated. Keep socially distanced from non-family members.

## Campgrounds Scenario #1 - Normal Fair

1. Have staggered arrivals times for campers to avoid crowding and waiting at check in.
2. Shower/Bath house limit to 50% capacity at one time.
3. Cleaning provided by volunteers per CDC recommendations, using EPA approved disinfectant supplies.
4. Use tape on the floor and signs on the walls to promote social distancing.
5. Ensure signs are placed in highly visible locations that promote everyday protective measures.
6. Ensure that adequate supplies are available to minimize sharing of high-tough materials and monitor cleaning and disinfecting frequently.

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### **Campgrounds Scenario #2 - No Outside Visitors/ Limited spectators**

All plans that are in effect in Scenario #1 will remain in effect for Scenario #2 with the following additions:

1. Shower/Bath house limited to members of one family at a time, with increased cleaning between use.
2. Campers should stay 6 ft. apart (or whatever distance the CDC is recommending at the time) from non-family members who do not have a mask on.
3. Food and drinks must stay in designated areas (camper's camp site).
4. A log will be kept of the campers contacts so that contact tracing can be done if needed. The Montcalm County Fair will follow the COVID-19 protocol put in place regarding this matter. Ensuring all safety measures are in place.
5. Fair Board members will be available to assist anyone with COVID-19 concerns.

### **Campgrounds Scenario #3 - Show and Go Fair**

1. Limited to Volunteer/Staff camping as needed.

### **Livestock Area Scenario #1**

Weigh In Large Animal:

1. Only the exhibitor, 2 persons with the exhibitor and those working the weigh in will be allowed in the weigh in area.
2. Once animal is weighed in and brought to its pen, exhibitor and those with the exhibitor must leave the barn. No congregating in the barn. If distancing of 6 ft. cannot be maintained, at any point, masks are recommended.
3. All high touch areas within the weigh in area will be sanitized frequently.



## Livestock Area Scenario #1

### Weigh In Small Animal:

Only the exhibitor, 2 persons with the exhibitor and the animal(s) will be allowed in line to weigh the animal.

1. All Exhibitors must maintain 6 ft. distancing while in line. If distance cannot be maintained, masks are recommended.
2. Once animal is weighed in, exhibitor is to place in pen or cage and leave the barn area until weigh in is complete. No congregating allowed in the barn.
3. All high touch areas within the weigh in area will be sanitized frequently.

### Livestock Arena:

Showing of all species; Beef, Dairy, Dogs, Llamas & Alpacas, Sheep and Swine—Mask usage within the arena is at the discretion of the exhibitor, their parents or guardian.

1. Day of show for each species, only the exhibitor and up to 2 persons will be allowed in the barns. No congregating in the barns allowed. If a distance of 6 ft. cannot be maintained in the barns at any time, masks are recommended.
2. List for classes will be posted outside to limit people in the barns.
3. One class will be allowed in the staging area at a time. ONLY the exhibitor, animal and volunteers running the show will be allowed in the staging area. If 6 ft. distance cannot be maintained in the staging area or show arena, masks are recommended.
4. Reduce the number of exhibitors in each class to allow for proper distancing.
5. Spectators are allowed, but must maintain 6 ft. distance from others. If distance is not maintained, masks are recommended.
6. All high touch areas will be sanitized frequently.

### Small Animal Arena:

Showing of all species; Goats, Poultry, Rabbits & Cavies—Mask usage within the arena is at the discretion of the exhibitor, their parents or guardian.

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4. Rabbits will show showmanship 2 exhibitors at a time. Market classes will use locking show table cages.
5. Poultry judge will pull from cages.
6. Spectators are allowed, but must maintain 6 ft. distance from others. If distance is not maintained, masks are recommended.
7. All high touch areas will be sanitized frequently.

### Horse Area:

1. No congregating in the barns. If distance of 6 ft. cannot be maintained, masks are recommended.
2. Spectators are allowed, but must maintain 6 ft. distance from others. If distance is not maintained, masks are recommended.
3. All high touch areas will be sanitized frequently.

### Livestock Auction:

1. Buyer's dinner will be set up outside of the Livestock arena. All food must remain in this area. Tables will be spaced for proper distancing and cleaned after each use. All food will be prepackaged.
2. Seating for the auction will make use of the entire arena, creating space between seats and bidders. Chairs will be arranged to maintain 6 ft. distance. Bleachers may be marked off. Masks are recommended if 6 ft. distance cannot be maintained.
3. All high touch areas would be sanitized frequently.





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### Livestock Area Scenario #2

Scenario #2 would follow the same guidelines as Scenario #1 with the exception of no outside spectators would be allowed.

1. Only the exhibitor and two people with the exhibitor. Wristbands, one for the exhibitor and two others per exhibitor would be distributed.
2. Livestock auction would be live/online. All protocols listed in Scenario #1 would be in place.

### Livestock Area Scenario #3

All species would show from the trailer. Each day of the week that animals would typically show during fair would be the day they would show. For example, Tuesday pigs would show, Wednesday beef, dairy etc. Horses would show per level each day.

1. Livestock Auction would be online and/or similar to 2020.
2. All animals would go home following their day of show.
3. All protocols listed in Scenario #1 would be in place.

