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# **NORTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR 2021 COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN**

## **GENERAL STATEMENT**

The guidelines and recommendations identified below represent practical best efforts to mitigate health risks for our guests and employees when attending events at the North Dakota State Fair (NDSF). These practices were compiled after reviewing ND Smart Restart guidelines with an emphasis on hygiene, minimizing touchpoints and individual responsibility. Guests need to be aware there are currently active cases of COVID-19 in North Dakota. COVID-19 is a respiratory virus. Most people who are infected with COVID-19 develop mild or moderate symptoms, but some people develop severe complications, including hospitalization or death. **Anyone in attendance may be exposed to COVID-19 and all persons attending may assume the risk of contracting COVID-19.** If guests are concerned, they should consult with their health care provider to determine their individual risk associated with attending any event and about the personal and community health implications of the vaccine. The NDSF will continually review and adjust these guidelines based on the most updated recommendations.

## **NORTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR ARRIVAL**

- Guests are encouraged to check their temperature before attending. If a guest does not feel well or is running a fever, the NDSF kindly asks that they do not attend.
- Guests are welcome, but not required to bring or wear a face mask.
- Clear bags are encouraged for a contactless bag check experience.
- For ticket scanning, fans will hold out all tickets and an employee will scan.
- To alleviate crowding at the gate, guests will be asked to immediately move through the gates.
- Guests are encouraged to social distance when entering and exiting the grounds.
- Due to community's Green/Low Risk level and increasing vaccination rate, the NDSF will return to full capacity seating.

## **HIGH TRAFFIC AREAS**

- Food and beverage areas will be self-served with a few adjustments to increase hygiene and minimize touchpoints.
- NDSF vendors will follow the ND Department of Health guidelines.
- No sunflower seeds or peanuts are allowed.
- Guests are kindly asked to throw away their own trash.
- Carnival rides and areas such as entrances, handles, and other commonly touched surfaces will be disinfected throughout the day.
- Restrooms will be disinfected throughout each day.
- Handwashing stations and hand sanitizing stations will be available throughout the fairgrounds.

## **TEAM MEMBER POLICY**

- If NDSF team members are not feeling well, they are instructed to stay home.
- Team members may be subject to health screenings and temperature checks prior to their shift.
- NDSF team members will be required to wash their hands and use hand sanitizer as often as possible.