



Oklahoma State University event plan with Covid-19 guidelines for healthy and safe operations of livestock judging events

*Oklahoma State University will continue to assess the viability of the upcoming event, based on current conditions, whether to postpone, cancel, or significantly reduce the number of attendees for gatherings.

- **Required pre-registration** - Coaches will receive a packet with contestant information at check-in.
 - Require coaches to pre-register their teams and individuals. On contest day, only the coach can pick up the team packet. We request contestants to stay in their vehicles until contest coordinators are ready to place contestants in groups (where social distancing models are set up).
 - Devise participant filters and limitations at pre-registration that will reduce the number of contestants per school/county attending, which will aid in creating contest groups that can adhere to social distancing guidelines.
 - Face coverings are required by coaches during check-in. Hand sanitizer will be available. There will be no shared pencils. New pencils will be provided at team packet pick-up (two per coach). Sanitation wipes will be provided at the team packet pick-up for regular sanitizing of the area.

- **Advise all staff and anyone visiting the event, including exhibitors, visitors, judges, and veterinarians, to stay home if they are [sick](#).**
 - Conduct health checks (e.g., temperature screening and/or symptom checking) of staff. If feasible, also check health status of attendees, in accordance with any applicable privacy laws and regulations.



- **Increase distance and limit the duration of contact between anyone attending the event.**
 - Provide additional space to judge each class to make sure contestants can socially distance during the up-close inspection with fewer contestants doing this at the same time.
 - Hand sanitizer should be available at lamb racks, and racks should be modified to have animals 6 feet apart.
 - Halter classes will be staged to require all livestock to be presented to be a minimum of 6 feet apart.
 - Oral reasons rooms will be set-up to allow a minimum of 6' or more between contestants and the official judge. Plexiglass dividers will be placed between contestants and judge.
 - Manage the reasons room to reduce the number of contestants "on deck" to present oral reasons. Depending on the venue, the recommendation will be no more than 2-3 contestants per row to be allowed to leave the reasons holding room at a time to adhere to social distancing protocols.

- **Limit the number of people entering the facility.**
 - Restrict attendance to contestants, judges, staff, and coaches.
 - Decrease high-traffic areas by staggering use of common areas such as bathrooms, concession areas, bleachers, and animal viewing areas.

- **Require the use of [masks](#).**
 - Masks will be required during contests. Contestants should provide their own face covering. Contest organizers should have a supply of masks available to participants, if needed.
 - Masks can be removed when presenting oral reasons and when eating lunch when contestants are staged in socially distanced seating areas.



- **Move events scheduled for indoors** to an open-air setting, outdoors if weather permits.
- **Use markings and signs** to remind contestants, judges, staff, and coaches to practice social distancing, wear masks in public spaces (especially when staying 6 feet apart may be difficult), wash their hands, and follow other safety measures. Consider adding signs that illustrate the capacity of buildings, including bathrooms, and take steps to control the number of people entering and exiting facilities.
- **Encourage hand hygiene by setting up hand sanitation stations** at the entrance and within the premises so contestants, judges, staff, and coaches can [sanitize their hands](#).
 - Gloves should be used by individuals working the registration table.
 - Hand sanitizer should be available during check-in, at the announcer's stand, at the lambs racks, in the tabulation room and in oral reasons rooms, as well as when people asked for hand sanitizer.
 - Gloves and no-touch boxes should be used by group leaders and staff when collecting judging cards or Scantron answer sheets.
 - Contestants must provide their own writing utensils.
- **Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces** such as door handles/gates (including stall doors in bathrooms).
- **Implement strategies to maintain safe food and beverage service** and promote behaviors that reduce the spread of the virus:
 - Encourage [frequent hand washing](#), by setting up hand sanitizer stations near food concession areas.
 - Eliminate communal high-touch items (e.g., condiments, reach-in coolers, straw dispensers, some types of trash containers, etc.).



- Completely enclosed box meals will be provided.
- Bottled water will be available to contestants. Water bottles will be dispersed through the arena area at pick up stations during the contest and in the oral reasons staging areas.

- **Results and Awards**

There will NOT be an awards ceremony. Results will be posted on-line at judgingcard.com and awards will be mailed to the winning contestants and teams.

- **Isolate and transport people who become sick.**

- Immediately separate contestants, judges, staff, and coaches who begin showing COVID-19 [symptoms](#).
- People who are sick should go home or to a healthcare facility, depending on how severe their symptoms are, and follow [CDC guidance for caring for oneself and others](#) who are sick.