



## 2020 ALBANY COUNTY FAIR

### COVID 19 ACTION PLAN

The Albany County Fair Board is pleased to announce we will be having a fair! The decision to move forward will come with some required changes. We should all be very grateful at the opportunity to have our fair this year & do our best to respect the variances required by the Albany County Health Officer, Dr. Jean Alias.

Below you will find 4 stages (A-D.) The current action plan is A, though everyone should expect changes as variances are expected to change between now & July 21<sup>st</sup>, opening day of fair. The information provided will be continuously updated when warranted. Should there be a significant change in operations we will do our very best to provide at least 7 days' notice to exhibitors. ALL PLANS INCLUDE A LIVE SALE!

As always, should you have any questions please feel free to reach out to any member of the fair board, or Josey, the fair manager, at [manger@albanycountyfair.org](mailto:manger@albanycountyfair.org).

**Action Plan A-** Assuming variances continue to become more lenient we will plan to operate as normal, will the following required restrictions.

- No indoor concessions will be available this year, this will not change. We will have food trucks available for food & drink purchase. The fair board has been busy contacting vendors to make this an available option for exhibitors.
- The fair office will be closed to the public; the window will be available as normal. Superintendents will have access to the adjoining room.
- Weigh-ins will be organized by pen numbers. The barn will be limited to the exhibitors from those pens. Animals will be weighed, placed back in pens, before the next group of exhibitors may enter the barn. The current variance allows for up to 25 people in any one building/defined space; however, the variance is expected to change at earliest June 15<sup>th</sup>.

- Indoor project will be scheduled for delivery & interview via Signup Genius. Mary Louise has graciously volunteered to organize this with Josey, please contact either ML or Josey if you have questions or concerns.
- Masks are currently recommended, but are not required for guests or exhibitors of the fair.
- Unfortunately, the Junior Leaders dance has to be cancelled. Mary Louise & Josey are working on a fun alternative. We will keep you posted.
- The horse show will be held at the main arena of the fairgrounds, as Martha Hansen is not available this year. We realize this comes with challenges; we are working hard to address them. Should it need to be cancelled for bad weather we will plan to reschedule if possible before WSF.
- The Junior Livestock Sale, per governor's orders, is exempt. Thus, we will be having a sale.
- We will have 12 handwashing stations, along with 24 hand sanitizing stations. WASH YOUR HANDS PLEASE!
- The main building will be divided in half, meaning we can have up to 25 people on either side. Again, this variance is expected to change. We will update accordingly.

We must adhere to the current social distancing recommendations, for the health & safety of all of our participants & their families. This includes, maintaining 6 feet distance from those not in your household, regular handwashing/sanitizing, staying home if you are symptomatic, or have been exposed to COVID 19. If you begin to experience symptoms during fair, or learn you may have been exposed to COVID 19 tell a fair board member or the fair manager immediately. As hosts of this event the fair board is responsible for enforcement. We are very fortunate to be having a fair, please respect the current health orders!

**Action Plan B-** this plan looks very similar to Action Plan A with one main exception. Under Action Plan B all livestock shows will be held outside.

- This plan would include the pig show. Given the effect heat has on hogs, under this plan both shows (4H/FFA Showmanship & market) would start at 6pm.
- This plan will be necessary if the variance doesn't allow for at least 125 people indoors, as that is the expected turnout for the hog show is estimated roughly for 125 people, not including exhibitors, volunteers, judges.
- Hog exhibitors' this is your notice! Please start working with your hogs, as this plan is likely. In order to reduce the stress on your animal you should take in to consideration the effects this change will have on your hog.

**Action Plan C-** No public option. Should this be necessary families will be provided with a limited amount of bracelets for family as we understand this is a family event. The amount of bracelets distributed will coincide with the current restrictions. We will do our very best to accommodate

families, but remember we are very fortunate to have fair so please be respectful of how difficult these decisions are.

**Action Plan D-** Off the trailer show. Although we do not anticipate this being our circumstance, we still would like to afford everyone the opportunity to exhibit their animal. Under this plan weigh ins will be scheduled, and classes will be limited by current restrictions. The barns would be closed to the public, but would allow immediate family to attend. Under this plan we would still facilitate a live sale.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the 2020 Fair!

Respectfully,

Albany County Fair Board