



## Racing, Livestock Sales and Rodeo Guidelines



The guidelines below apply to indoor and outdoor venues hosting public racing and rodeo events and livestock sales, regardless of whether an admission fee is charged. Racing includes horse racing or any type of motorized racing.

Specific guidance contained in Re-Open Saskatchewan must be followed, where they apply. In addition to these guidelines, all other applicable federal and provincial legislation, regulations and standards must be adhered to in addition to local municipal bylaws. Organizers should always contact the [local public health inspection office](#) when planning an event.

### Event Capacity Requirements

- All outdoor and indoor public spectator events are limited to a maximum of 30 spectators, provided the space is large enough to accommodate physical distancing between all people/groups in attendance. Facility staff, event organizing staff/volunteers and event contestants are not included in the total.
- All outdoor and indoor sale/auction events are limited to a maximum total of 30 buyers and sellers, provided the space is large enough to accommodate physical distancing between all people/groups in attendance. Facility staff, event organizing staff/volunteers are not included in the total.

### General Guidance

- Any business, community group or other organization holding an event must designate one or more people responsible for ensuring compliance with these and any other applicable guidelines.
- Seating areas are subject to the following:
  - Physical distancing is required between individuals with the exception of household groups.
  - Leave alternating rows empty and provide signage where necessary.
  - Events should have assigned seating, where possible.
- Limit the duration of the event as much as possible. Encourage patrons to arrive close to the scheduled event time and proceed directly to their seats. Attendees should leave immediately following the event/gathering to discourage gathering in common areas.
- Fundraising activities (e.g. 50-50 sales) must be sold at kiosks or other areas where distancing can be managed.
- Online admission ticketing should be used, where possible.

- Cashless or no-contact payment should be used as much as possible, with physical distancing observed at all times.
- Consider supporting vulnerable populations with dedicated showings or performances.
- A response plan should be in place in case a patron or staff/volunteer develops COVID-19 symptoms while at the venue.

## Guidance for Livestock Sale/Auction Events

- Virtual or online sales events should be organized wherever possible.
- International participants are subject to federal and provincial public health orders.
- Limit the number of people in viewing and sales areas.
- Facility staff and event organizing staff/volunteers are to be kept to a minimum.
- All people responsible for handling and caring for animals must wear surgical/procedure masks, non-medical masks or protective helmets with full face covering/shields and/or other PPE as deemed necessary.
- Sales administration activities must be held in a manner that reduces the number of participants involved, congregation of people and promotes physical distancing.

## Guidance for Racing and Rodeo Events

- International participants are subject to federal and provincial public health orders.
- Limit the number of people in participant areas.
- Team personnel are to be kept to a minimum.
- For vehicular events, pit crews, race marshals and other event personnel must wear surgical/procedure masks, non-medical masks or protective helmets with full face covering/shields and/or other PPE as deemed necessary.
- For animal events, all people responsible for handling and caring for animals must wear surgical/procedure masks, non-medical masks or protective helmets with full face covering/shields and/or other PPE as deemed necessary.
- Award ceremonies must be held in a manner that reduces the number of participants involved and promotes physical distancing. Where possible, prizes or trophies should be provided after the event and winners are announced through social media or email.
- Go-kart tracks or other venues that allow shared use of vehicles must implement a cleaning and disinfection program for high-touch areas of the vehicles and other shared equipment.

## Hand Hygiene

- Organizers must promote and facilitate frequent and proper hand hygiene:
  - Provide handwashing facilities where possible.
  - Provide hand sanitizers approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number).
  - Ensure there are stations available to maintain hand hygiene.
- Staff and volunteers must wash hands frequently with soap and warm water or with hand sanitizer when soap and water is not available.
- In washrooms and other areas with handwashing facilities, adequate supplies must be available, including soap, paper towels and waste receptacles.
- Organizers are strongly encouraged to post information around the event area that remind attendees to practice respiratory etiquette and hand hygiene (e.g. entrances, washrooms and staff rooms).

## Physical Distancing

- Public and staff, with the exception of household contacts, must maintain a physical distance of two metres from others in all areas.
- Event organizers must establish facility/area plans that include visual markers, such as cordons, floor markers, signage, etc., to encourage and support proper physical distancing. Areas of concern include common areas, food and beverage service areas, seating, walkways and washrooms.
- Lineups at washrooms and food and beverage service areas during breaks in public events pose a serious challenge. Event organizers must manage these areas to mitigate risks to attendees.
- Event organizers are responsible for:
  - Managing crowds in common areas, especially during breaks in entertainment;
  - Managing crowds as they exit so physical distancing can be maintained. This may be done through visual markings or calling areas to limit the numbers of persons exiting at a time;
  - Limiting the duration of an event and/or limiting participants; and
  - As an additional safety measure, install barriers (e.g. Plexiglas window at a booth/kiosk/cubicle), where practical.
- Where possible, access to the event should be controlled and occupancy limited (e.g. limit parking, erect barriers, set maximum occupancy, signage).
- Avoid activities that do not allow physical distancing, such as crowding together for photographs.
- Ensure processions have adequate space to move while maintaining physical distancing.

## Cleaning and Disinfection

- Develop and implement procedures for increasing the frequency of cleaning and disinfecting high-traffic areas, common areas, public washrooms and shower facilities. Refer to the [Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Guidelines](#) for further information.
- Frequently touched surfaces (e.g. washrooms, door handles, and counters) should be cleaned and disinfected frequently with an approved disinfectant.
- Disinfectants must be approved by Health Canada (DIN) and be used according to label instructions, including contact time.
- Promote increased environmental cleaning of participant's personal environment if appropriate (e.g. provide sanitizing wipes so gathering attendees can clean their own environment, such as arms of seats).
- Ensure disposable towels and spray cleaners, or disposable wipes, are available to workers, volunteers and (as necessary) patrons to regularly clean commonly used surfaces.
- Garbage bins should be emptied frequently.

## Food and Beverage Service

- Food services that are licensed under *The Food Safety Regulations* (i.e. restaurants, mobile food vendors) are subject to the requirements contained in the [Restaurants and Licensed Establishments Guidelines](#).
- No food or beverages are permitted in the activity area. Facilities that offer food or beverage service, must keep the activity separate (i.e. cordoned off) from the food and beverage service area.
- For all other food service, see the [Temporary Food Vendor Guidelines](#).
- For events that are not considered a temporary food event, but still intend to provide food and beverages:
  - No buffet style or self-service foods or beverages permitted.
  - Single portions and pre-packaged foods may be provided.
  - Common touch items are not permitted. This includes self-serve beverages (including mix and ice), napkins, utensils and condiments.
  - Provide single-serve refreshments only.
- Close drinking fountains. Water bottle filling stations are acceptable if appropriately and frequently sanitized.

encouraged that attendees, staff and volunteers be familiar with the guidelines.

- Limit the duration of the event. Encourage patrons to arrive as close to the scheduled event time and, where possible, proceed directly to their seats. Attendees should leave immediately following the event/gathering to discourage gathering in common areas.
- Greetings that require close physical contact, such as handshakes, high fives, fist bumps and hugs, should be discouraged.
- Microphones should not be shared by multiple people and must be cleaned and disinfected between uses.
- Coat checks are not recommended at this time.
- Dance floors and karaoke are not currently permitted.
- Live DJs are permitted, but must ensure physical distancing at all times. Written requests cannot be accepted at this time.
- Singing and shouting can spread droplets further than regular conversation and present an increased risk.
- Live performances:
  - Live DJs are permitted, but must ensure physical distancing at all times. Written requests cannot be accepted at this time.
  - Singing and shouting can spread droplets further than regular conversation, so they present an increased risk.
  - Singers and performers must wear masks.
  - All musicians must wear a non-medical mask at all times during the performance, except for musicians playing a woodwind, brass or other instrument operated by breath, but only if they can maintain a distance of three metres from others while playing.
  - People in the band/orchestra must be four metres from patrons.
  - Everyone else in the band that is not a woodwind or brass must be two metres apart or utilize a barrier (i.e. plexiglas) if distancing cannot be maintained.
  - Musicians within the same household are not required to maintain physical distance, but must be separated from patrons and other performers from outside of their household.
  - Instrument bell covers made of a tightly woven fabric with at least two layers are recommended but not required.
  - Performers must use their own microphones. Instruments, drum sticks/mallets, music stands and other items must not be shared between participants, unless cleaned and disinfected between uses. Items that can't be disinfected (e.g. sheet music) must not be shared, laminated to allow for disinfection, or held for 24 hours before sharing. Hand hygiene must be completed prior to handling common items.
  - Music, televisions and other background sounds should be played at a

volume that allows patrons and staff to speak at the volume of a normal conversation (about 80 decibels).

- The facility must be equipped with adequate ventilation to minimize risks associated with indoor environments.
- Adequate handwashing and washroom facilities must be available.
- Cashless or no-contact payment should be used as much as possible, with physical distancing being observed at all times.
- A response plan should be in place in case a patron or staff/volunteer develops COVID-19 symptoms while at the venue.

## Physical Distancing

- Groups from different banquet/conference rooms must not mingle with each other.
- Public and staff, with the exception of household contacts, must maintain a minimum physical distance of two metres from others in all areas.
- Seating areas are subject to the following:
  - Seating must be static and pre-assigned.
  - Physical distancing is required between individuals with the exception of household groups.
  - Leave alternating rows empty and provide signage where necessary.
  - Events and gatherings with seating should have assigned seating, where possible. Where table seating is provided, limit seating to four individuals per table, with three metres between tables or two metres with an impermeable barrier between tables.
- Event and gathering organizers must establish facility/area plans that include visual markers, such as cordons, floor markers, signage, etc., to encourage and support proper physical distancing. Areas of concerns include common areas, seating, walkways and washrooms.
- Avoid activities that do not allow physical distancing, such as party games or crowding together for photographs.
- Health officials strongly recommend wearing a non-medical mask anywhere outside the home.

## Cleaning, Sanitation and Disinfection

- Maintain a cleaning schedule and ensure staff are adequately assigned and trained for additional cleaning, sanitizing and disinfection duties to help reduce transmission of COVID-19.
- Develop and implement procedures for increasing the frequency of cleaning and disinfecting of high traffic areas, common areas, and washrooms. Refer

to the [Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Guidelines](#) for further information.

- Frequently touched surfaces (e.g. washrooms, door handles, chairs and counters) should be cleaned and disinfected frequently with an approved disinfectant.
- Disinfectants must be approved by Health Canada (DIN) and be used according to label instructions, including contact time.
- Ensure disposable towels and spray cleaners, or disposable wipes, are available to workers, and (as necessary) patrons to regularly clean commonly used surfaces.
- Garbage bins should be emptied frequently.

## Hand Hygiene

- Event/gathering organizers must promote and facilitate frequent and proper hand hygiene:
  - Provide handwashing facilities where possible.
  - Provide hand sanitizers approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number).
  - Ensure there are stations available to maintain hand hygiene.
- Staff and volunteers must wash hands frequently with soap and warm water or hand sanitizer when soap and water is not available.
- Ensure washrooms are cleaned and disinfected with increased frequency, always well stocked with liquid soap and paper towels, and that warm running water is available.
- Organizers are strongly encouraged to post information around the event/gathering area that remind attendees to practise respiratory etiquette and hand hygiene (e.g. entrances, washrooms and staff rooms).

## Food Services

- Food or beverages may not be present or served at indoor public events.
- Close drinking fountains. Water bottle filling stations are acceptable if appropriately and frequently sanitized.

## Guidelines for Employees

- Whenever possible, staff must maintain two metres of separation from other staff and customers. However, physical distancing in certain work environments may be difficult, such as kitchens. If staff are unable to maintain two metres away from co-workers, other actions may be necessary, including self-monitoring of personal health, supervision by Infection

Prevention and Control or Occupational Health and Safety staff in the workplace or implementing other protective measures, such as:

- Staggering activities to limit the number of staff in a confined area during the same period.
- Moving activities to another room, whenever possible. For example, separating duties into unused spaces may be an option for preparation and packaging.
- Altering shift and break times to minimize the number of staff working in close quarters.
- Using markings or dividers in the kitchen to ensure physical distancing.
- Considering directional arrows on the floor in the kitchen to control the flow of traffic, and clearly mark exit and entrance doors from the kitchen to service areas.
- Wearing personal protective equipment.
- Proper and frequent hand hygiene by staff is a vital component in preventing the transmission of illnesses. Ensure staff are practising proper hand hygiene and coughing/sneezing etiquette, including:
  - Washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
  - Using hand sanitizer only when appropriate in a food service situation.
  - Only using hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN).
  - Avoiding touching their faces, mouths, noses and eyes.
  - Coughing or sneezing into a tissue, then immediately disposing of the tissue and washing hands. If a tissue is not available, cough or sneeze into the elbow – not the hands.
- Servers, hosts and other staff must wear a non-medical mask (e.g. cloth or other materials) or procedure/surgical mask.
- It is recommended that older staff/seniors or those with a weakened immune system wear a procedure/surgical mask.
- Glove use is not required nor recommended. If staff are using gloves, they must be changed after every interaction, as well as when changing tasks. Hand hygiene must be performed between every glove change. This includes handwashing with soap and water or hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada – (DIN or NPN number).
- All workers, especially those in constant contact with the public, should self-monitor for symptoms and use the Government of Saskatchewan’s [self-assessment tool](#) for COVID-19 and follow the subsequent directions.
- It is recommended that facilities review their employee illness policies to ensure staff are able to remain home when ill (as is required). Facilities are encouraged to have plans in place for increased worker absences due to illness or isolation.

- Workplaces should have a workplace illness policy. If policies do not exist or are not in line with COVID-19 recommendations, workplaces should ensure that all sick employees must stay home or be sent home from work.
- If employees go home sick, their work areas and any areas they had contact with must be cleaned and disinfected.