

Rankin County Multipurpose Pavilion

COVID-19 Guidelines

The following guidelines have been established for the Rankin County Multipurpose Pavilion as minimum guidelines and must be adhered to along with other guidelines as required by the Mississippi Department of Health and Executive Orders issued by the Governor of Mississippi. These guidelines do not supersede current guidelines set by the governor and/or the Mississippi Department of Health which may be more restrictive. It is important that we maintain standards to limit the spread of COVID-19 through social distancing and sanitizing efforts. Nowhere in these guidelines does it state or imply that anyone is safe from COVID-19. These guidelines have been set to minimize the spread, not stop it.

1. General guidelines

Anyone experiencing flu-like symptoms and COVID-type symptoms or anyone who has been in close contact with anyone with these symptoms in the past 14 days shall not enter the property.

It is highly recommended that anyone over the age of 65 or anyone with underlying medical condition should not enter the property.

It is highly recommended that anyone who plans to have close contact with anyone over the age of 65 or anyone who has underlying medical conditions in the following 14 days not enter the property.

Social distancing guidelines must be followed as set by the governor and/or Mississippi Health Department. Group gatherings that do not follow their guidelines shall not be allowed.

Exchange of items between attendees should be minimized.

No food shall be prepared, served, offered or sold on Rankin County property unless all guidelines are adhered to in executive order 1478 regulating restaurants. Food may be prepared and served inside of a personal rv for a "family unit". No crock pots, pot luck, food tables etc. allowed except for "family unit" inside an rv. For hospitality events see section 8.

2. Arrival on property

No one will be permitted to arrive prior to 3:00pm the day prior to a show for any reason. The gate will be locked until 3:00pm.

If requested to open at 3:00pm the day prior to a show, limited access will be given to rv hook ups, horse stalls and the warm up arena only. The main arena, bleachers and announcer booth will remain closed until one hour prior to the scheduled start time of a show and will be closed one hour after the conclusion of a show. (Refer to section8). Rv hookups and horse stalls must be assigned as provided in section 3. (Exception: livestock providers will be given access to the main arena for a period of time long enough to unload livestock into livestock holding pens and feed and water livestock. This may be done after 3:00pm on the day prior to a show if requested by the livestock provider. Gates will be locked until 3:00pm.)

3. Rv hookups and horse stalls

Due to social distancing guidelines, rv's shall use even numbered rv hookups only. All odd numbered hookups shall be left empty for distancing. (Refer to chart) Hookup #37 is the only odd numbered hookup that may be used.

Due to social distancing guidelines, horse stalls shall be assigned on one side of an isle only. The other side of an isle shall be left empty for distancing. (Refer to chart)

Access to the warm up arena will be limited to 3:00pm to 8:00pm on the day prior to a show for use by anyone who has rented stalls and rv hookup only. Warm up arena may be accessed from the stall gate only. (No access to the main arena will be given.)

4. Show office

The show office has been moved from upstairs to a trailer outside of the main arena building. Show personnel may access the show office as needed after 3:00pm on the day prior to a show. No exchange of items, money or checks will be allowed inside the main arena building, bleachers or announcer booth between contestants, spectators and show personnel.

The show office shall be restricted to authorized personnel only. Each authorized person must sanitize footwear and hands before entering the show office.

Desk and work arena must be sanitized on a regular basis and each time personnel is changed. Hand sanitizer shall be provided for all personnel.

Six feet social distancing shall be observed by everyone registering for a show. On line registration and payment is highly recommended.

Hand sanitizer must be provided for everyone registering at the show office.

5. Announcer booth

Announcer booth shall be limited to authorized personnel only and to the minimum number of people required for announcing and record keeping. The announcer booth shall be disinfected each time a personnel change is made. Social distancing shall be maintained as much as practical. Anyone that cannot be six foot from the announcer must wear a mask. The announcer is not required to wear a mask.

Hand sanitizer must be provided for all personnel in the announcer booth.

6. Main Arena

The main arena will remain closed until one hour prior to the scheduled start time of a show. (Exception: access will be given to any horse stalls rented in the main arena building or to livestock providers as provided in section 2.)

Any areas of the main arena building that are not required as part of a show or specific event during the show such as bucking chutes, roping chutes and livestock pens will not be open for access to anyone during a show. Access to main arena will be through the alley way.

Main arena access will be limited to the minimum number of people required for any specific event. Arena access must be limited.

Hand sanitizer shall be provided for everyone required to be in the main arena.

The number of people in the alley way shall be limited and restricted.

7. Warm up arena

Limit physical contact to the greatest extent possible.

Discourage non-essential people access to the arena

Contestants should not have horses side by side unless six foot distancing is practiced.

Limit exchange of items between contestants.

A hand sanitizer station must be set up at the warm up arena entrance.

8. Bleachers

Gates to the bleachers can be opened one hour prior to the scheduled start time of a show.

One person must be stationed at the east entrance and one person stationed at the west exit while the gates are open and ensure the guidelines in this section are followed. If the person stationed at the gate is collecting a gate fee refer to section 8.

Everyone shall sanitize hands and footwear prior to entering the bleachers.

Social distancing shall be observed by everyone in the bleachers following current Mississippi Department of Health guidelines.

Maximum occupancy of 100 people or less shall be followed at all times.

Everyone shall enter the bleachers at the east end of the bleachers and everyone shall exit the bleachers at the west end of the bleachers. Stairs and ramp are one direction only, except during an emergency such as a fire. (Exception: a handicapped person will be allowed to enter using the ramp on the west end. However, no one shall be allowed to come down the ramp until the handicapped person has passed them.)

Hand rails on stairs and ramp must be sanitized by an approved method every two hours.

No sitting or standing allowed on yellow sections of the bleachers.

No standing along railing in the bleachers.

No sharing of food or drink allowed in the bleachers except between a "family unit".

No vendors will be allowed inside of any building to conduct business. (Exception: Veterinarian preforming necessary emergency treatment or photographer to photograph a show, but no sales allowed inside of the building.)

No hospitality events will be conducted in the bleachers. Hospitality events may be conducted in the market area as long as six feet social distancing can be maintained and all guidelines are followed from Mississippi Department of Health and Executive orders as related to restaurants, food and drinks. (See executive order 1478)

9. Gate fees

Any show that collects a gate fee must collect fees outdoors. Personnel collecting fees shall wear a mask and gloves. Personnel shall dispose of gloves properly prior to leaving their post.

10. General

It is highly recommended that any group wanting to conduct a show designate a safety person for the show. The safety person should concentrate on highly congested areas. Ensure that someone is posted at the east and west locations of the bleachers and that commonly touched items such as hand railings are disinfected on a regular basis as per executive orders. Ensure social distancing is being followed and that physical contact is limited to the greatest extent possible.

11. Conclusion

It is imperative that all applicable guidelines are followed by everyone in attendance to help limit the spread of COVID-19. No show dates will be finalized until Rankin County receives the attached signed acknowledgement that show personnel have read, understand and will follow all guidelines as set by Rankin County, the Mississippi Department of Health and all executive orders which may apply. All shows will be responsible for furnishing all supplies along with personnel to monitor and perform tasks required in these guidelines or shall make payment to Rankin County, MS for supplies and/or labor costs required to meet these guidelines. Please refer to contract for hourly rate of additional county personnel. Shows will be more time consuming and costly during COVID-19 to both the show and Rankin County. Rankin County will do a deep cleaning after the conclusion of each show. All applicable guidelines must be adhered to or we must remain closed.

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