

# Agriculture

# OVERVIEW

In order to keep markets open and to maintain business continuity across the industry, we must all follow all relevant local, state, and federal mandates. If we do not act responsibly in taking necessary measures, we will lose the ability to operate.

We ask that you take these steps to mitigate disease spread and create contingency plans accordingly. The following strategies may be beneficial to prepare your operations:

- Familiarize yourself with and follow rapidly changing local and state rules regarding assembly of crowds.
- Work with your café operators to follow location-specific guidance which may include closure or offering to-go service only;
- Limit crowd sizes:
  - Limit attendees in the arena to buyers only
    - Discourage groups of people from congregating and, in particular, ask that they follow the CDC recommended 6-foot distance between individuals
  - Request that consignors deliver livestock and return home rather than remaining at the facility
    - Offer consignors flexibility in picking up their checks if they can't wait for them to arrive by mail, such as delivery or pick up from their vehicle while remaining in parking lot
  - Evaluate all options to utilize web broadcast or phone bidding
  - Clearly communicate and enforce your policies
    - Update your website with instructions to customers and your plans for continued operation
    - Put up signs to communicate with visitors.
    - Make announcements from the auction block throughout the sale reminding everyone of expectations for crowd limits
  - Designate a staff person to monitor entry to the arena and/or regularly monitor the number of individuals present to stay within recommended crowd size limits
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- Take other preventative measures

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- Instruct any employee or visitor exhibiting symptoms of illness to remain home and request that any employee or visitor who is a member of a population of heightened vulnerability to consider avoiding areas where people are gathering
- Provide ample opportunities for visitors and employees and employees to wash hands following CDC best practices
- Clean and disinfect all commonly used areas frequently including restrooms and restocking with soap, paper towels, and hand sanitizer

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