



AMERICAN ROYAL ASSOCIATION

The American Royal Association is excited to start welcoming exhibitors back to Hale Arena! Due to COVID-19, adjusted plans and processes have been developed to protect our exhibitors, staff members, and volunteers. The ARA will continue to monitor the most recent developments and adjust these plans and processes as needed. We ask that you read, understand, and follow our adjusted procedures. We are seeking partnership and patience as we navigate returning to events while coexisting with COVID-19.

The American Royal Association has established the following plans and processes with recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the State of Missouri and the Kansas City, Missouri Health Department (KCHD).

The processes and procedures outlined below are subject to change.

Exhibitors and family members are asked to refrain from attending the show if they have been in contact with anyone exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms within the last 14 days, have a fever or other symptoms, or if you fall into a high-risk category as defined by the CDC.

By participating or attending the American Royal Youth Rodeo, you are acknowledging that an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. By attending the American Royal, you and any guests voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19 and agree to not hold the American Royal Association, City of Kansas City, Missouri, County of Jackson; or any of their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors, or volunteers liable for any illness or injury.

How you can help us....

American Royal Association will take the steps in order to protect the health of all those taking part in and supporting our upcoming events, but we will need the exhibitors and show personnel to be accountable for their own safety as well. Please help us keep the complex and event safe and sanitary by following the expectations listed below:

- The ARA is currently operating under restricted occupancies. Please limit event attendees to essential personnel only. The event will be closed to the general public.
- Enter electronically with all known information prior to arrival including stalls and shaving orders.
- Be aware that access to the facility has been adjusted. There is one ingress and one egress location at this time. Please read and understand our updated check in procedures.
- Exhibitors should maintain proper distancing of 6 ft. from different attendees throughout the complex, including when on horseback.



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- Masks are currently required per KCMO Mayor Lucas' Ninth Amended Order. Find more information on the mask requirement at <https://www.kcmo.gov/city-hall/departments/health>.
- Exhibitors do not need to wear a mask while on horseback or competing, while maintaining 6 feet of distance from other riders.
- Working areas such as warm up arenas and gate area are restricted for show personnel only. The ARA has the right to limit the number of riders and personnel in these areas to adhere to social distancing.
- Do not gather at the in-gate. Please spread out. Respect the gate attendee's personal space. This individual is an ARA volunteer and has chosen to support this show at no cost to the show or the ARA.
- No more than one exhibitor is allowed inside the show office at a time. If someone other than the show secretary is in the office, please respect his or her space and wait outside.
- ARA will provide clean, sanitary stalling upon load-in. Exhibitor is responsible for the proper cleaning and sanitization of their own stalling area from then through the duration of the show.
- Frequently wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.

Updated Check-In Procedures

- Exhibitors will enter through the **Livestock Gate** on the west side of the American Royal Building (southwest corner of complex).
- To access the Livestock Gate, turn right onto State Line Road instead of turning left into the Lot A Gate from American Royal Drive. Follow State Line Road around the viaduct until reaching the Livestock Gate.
- All health papers including Equine Event Participation Declaration, negative coggins, and 30-day health certificate **must be presented** at the check in trailer before entrance into the facility.
- Upon presenting health paperwork, exhibitors will receive their back number, verify entries, place any needed feed room orders, and will be directed to a door to unload.
- All trailers without paperwork will be asked to pull into a holding area or asked to leave until health papers are presented.
- After unloading, all trailers are to be parked in a designated area in Lot-A.



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How we will help you...

Animal Stalling:

- Stalling will be assigned to adhere to 6' social distancing guidelines and adjusted occupancy restrictions.
- Empty stalls may be assigned as "buffer stalls" to create space when necessary.
- Signage and hand sanitizer stations will be posted and placed throughout the barn areas to encourage increased sanitation of frequently visited areas.

Show Office:

- American Royal staff and volunteers will be wearing masks while working with exhibitors.
- The Secretary's Office will now be located in the Hospitality Room to allow for one-way traffic with one ingress door, and one egress door.
- No more than one person will be allowed to enter the show office at a time.
- The ARA will establish and post a phone number to text or email address to send event scratches and feed room orders to in order to minimize trips to the secretary's office.

Feed Room:

- The feed room will be closed to face-to-face business.
- Exhibitors will need to place their feed room order by pre-ordering prior to arrival, texting show management at a designated number, or visiting the secretary's office.
- The feed room will deliver all orders and eliminate paper receipts.

Hospitality:

- To adhere to current health recommendations, the ARA will reduce any ARA-sponsored hospitality areas including communal coffee and doughnuts.
- We encourage barns to limit communal eating spaces and provide pre-wrapped snacks and food if necessary for exhibitors.
- The concession stand, which is owned and managed by Brancato's Catering, will be able to operate as normal in Central Hall.

Custodial:

- As a lessee of a KCMO-owned facility, the ARA relies on Aramark for custodial services. The ARA has had communication with the City of Kansas City to ensure custodial and facility maintenance programs fall in line with Kansas City Health Department guidelines.