



The American Royal Association is excited to welcome exhibitors back to Hale Arena for the 2021 season! 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 Hilary Watson Memorial Cutting Show, 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:

- Masks are currently required per KCMO Mayor Lucas' Ninth Amended Order, regardless of vaccination status. 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. Points will not be deducted if riders choose to wear a mask while on horseback in the show arena.
- Do not gather at the in-gate. Please spread out around the arena if needing to coach a rider. 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.
- 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 negative coggins, and 30-day health certificate **must be presented** at the check in trailer before entrance into the facility. If you submitted your health papers prior to arrival, an ARA staff member or volunteer will verify that information is on file.
- Upon presenting health paperwork, exhibitors will receive their back number, verify entries into the show, place any needed feed room orders, sign an Equine Liability Waiver 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.

How we will help you...

Show Office:

- American Royal staff and volunteers will be wearing masks while working with exhibitors.
- The ARA encourages all exhibitors to enter electronically to minimize time spent in the horse show office.
- The ARA will establish and post a phone number to text or email address to send class adds, scratches and feed room orders to in order to minimize trips to the horse show office.