



NEBRASKA AG EXPO
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LANCASTER EVENT CENTER | LINCOLN, NE

Nebraska Ag Expo COVID Safety Precautions

We are very fortunate that we can hold this “Live Event” so we hope everyone will do their part to make it successful and safe. We thank you for being in this together with us!

The safety of all exhibitors, attendees, volunteers and Expo staff remains our top priority. We have been working closely with the Lancaster Event Center (LEC) and Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department to determine all the necessary precautions we must take to have a safe and successful Expo.

Here are the safety protocols planned at this time:

GENERAL

- LEC has hired additional staff to keep facilities clean and sanitized during the Expo.

ENTRANCES

- Six entrances – To avoid crowds use the lesser used entrances such as Pavilion 4 South, Pavilion 2 East or Pavilion 3 North.
- Masks and personal-sized hand sanitizer will be available at all entrances.
- Virus-inhibiting, nano material applied to all entrance and restroom door handles.
- Please register online to speed up the entrance process at nebraskaagexpo.com

EXHIBITS

- Lincoln has a mask mandate. Most attendees are only at the event 4 - 5 hours. It is little to ask for the privilege to be able to attend this event. Please be considerate of others.
- We recommend you start the event by going to Pavilion 2, 3 or 4 to avoid larger crowds.
- When possible, exhibitors will work in an 8' or 9' deep booth so that aisles will be wider.
- Some booths relocated to provide adequate social distancing near building entrances and major walkways (e.g. the north and south end of the Multi-Purpose Arena and P1/P2 connector).
- Running tall drapes between exhibitors 4' to 5' out from the back of the booth will add protection for exhibitors and attendees.
- Extra space will be added around traditionally congested booths such as Bomgaars/DeWalt.
- Take advantage of “no touch” literature service where you can text a number posted in an exhibitor’s booth to download literature and/or videos.
- Implement a “no handshake” policy.

DINING

- Large dining areas located in the Multi-Purpose Arena and Pavilion 3 to provide for proper social distancing. Smaller dining also by snack bar in Pavilion 2

MISC.

- Seminars will only be conducted by the US Hemp Group in a large curtained area in Pavilion 3.

Look for further updates here regarding safety protocols as we continue to monitor the state and county COVID positivity rates and make any necessary updates. In the meantime, we encourage you to take every precautionary measure possible to ensure your personal health and safety, and that of everyone around you. ***Protocols as of January 22, 2021.***



Directed Health Measure to Change February 12

Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird and the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) announced that the COVID-19 Risk Dial has been moved from orange to elevated yellow, indicating that the risk of the virus spreading in the community is moderate. The dial has not been in yellow since late August.

Several changes to the Directed Health Measure (DHM) will go into effect Friday, February 12 and will be in effect through March 12:

- Gatherings will be limited to no more than **75 percent of occupancy** indoors and in confined outdoor spaces, with no limit on the total number of individuals.
- Occupancy at restaurants, bars, and other food service establishments will be increased to 75 percent of occupancy. Parties will continue to be limited to eight or fewer individuals and must remain at least 6 feet apart. Individuals will no longer have to remain seated, however anytime individuals are not seated at their tables they must be wearing a face covering unless they are also eating or drinking.

The position of the Risk Dial is based on multiple local indicators and information from the previous three weeks.

- The number of new weekly cases dropped from 1,207 the week ending January 1 to 425 the week ending February 6, a decline of nearly 65 percent. Lancaster County has now had 12 consecutive days with the number of new daily cases being under 100. The seven-day rolling average of new daily cases also dropped from 144 cases on January 22 to 61 on February 6.
- Over the last five weeks, the positivity rate has dropped from a near all-time high of 32.7 percent to 20.3 percent the week ending February 6.
- The number of COVID-19 patients hospitalized locally has declined from 116 on January 16 to 45 this past weekend, a drop of more than 60 percent. The seven-day rolling average for COVID hospitalizations has also decreased for 20 consecutive days.

For more information, visit COVID19.lincoln.ne.gov or call the Health Department hotline at 402-441-8006.