



Health Protocols

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The following guidelines have been put in place in accordance with OKC Fairgrounds requirements and the recommendations of the CDC and WHO regarding social distancing and public health. Attendees should review the current [CDC](#) and [WHO](#) guidelines prior to the event and 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 are immune compromised.

An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any setting where people are present.

The AQHA World Championship Show will be closed to the general public. Participants, family, vendors and staff may attend in accordance with the health protocols contained herein and any applicable local, state or federal mandates.

If you test positive for COVID-19 during the AQHA World, please contact show management immediately at 614-207-3152.

If you contract COVID-19 while attending the AQHA World and test positive within 14 days of the event, please contact worldshow@aqha.org.

If you have a professional service provider (i.e. banders, braiders, farriers, veterinarians etc.) attending to your horses, they are required to review and adhere to these protocols, as well.

Exhibitors, Attendees and Arenas

- Exhibitors and attendees will be held responsible for providing and utilizing their own personal protective equipment, including but not limited to face protection, personal hand sanitizer, gloves, etc.
- AQHA will provide each exhibitor with one complimentary face covering per exhibitor packet. Additional face coverings will be available for purchase, while supplies last.
- Face protection/face coverings are required per OKC Fairgrounds guidelines. Exhibitors and attendees are required to wear face protection/face coverings in all in-door areas, including but not limited to the stands, show office, trade show, barn and bathrooms. Face protection astride and at halter is optional.
- Social-distancing outdoors is required at all times. No exceptions will be allowed.
- Daily temperature screenings are the responsibility of each individual at the show. Additional screenings with no-touch thermometers may be required for entry. Based on guidance from health authorities, anyone with a temperature of 100F or above should not attend.
- Follow [CDC guidance](#) if symptoms develop.
- Exhibitors and attendees should not congregate in groups of larger than 10 people and must follow social-distancing guidelines.

- Put 6-feet between yourself and people who are not from your same household or household contact. Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread the virus.
- Riders/handlers and individuals on foot must keep at least 6-feet of space between each other at all times.
- Arena entrances/exits will be arranged so that riders/handlers are not coming in close contact entering and exiting the arenas. Loitering is not permitted around the gate or steward stand areas.
- Riders/handlers shall maintain social distancing guidelines at all times including but not limited to the warm-up and show arenas.
- Outside spectators will not be permitted. Exhibitors are encouraged to limit the number of people in their group (i.e. parents, spouse, a single family member and trainer).
- Only exhibitors and trainers in the class currently working may be in the adjacent warm-up arena.
- No foot traffic (including trainers, family, etc.) will be allowed at the in-gates. Foot traffic must go to the stands to watch the class, while wearing face protection. *If you do not want to wear face protection, the live webcast is available to be viewed outside of the facility.*
- Indoor, warm-up rings will be limited to 2 people/horses per 1,000 sq. ft. (i.e. the Performance Arena is 30,000 sq. ft. and would permit up to 60 people and/or horses at one time warming up. Barn 8 Arena is approximately the same size. Super Barn arena is 22,000 sq. ft. and would permit up to 44 people/horses).
- All individuals on the ground or assisting riders will be asked to maintain a 6-foot social-distancing standard and wear personal protective equipment when safe distancing is not possible. This will be a challenge as you approach the competition ring, but you will be asked to follow the protocol.
- Those seated in the stands will be asked to leave two (2) vacant seats between each person from a separate household or household contact.
- Every other aisleway in the seating area will be blocked off by the facility for safe physical distancing.
- Exhibitors and attendees must deliver a signed COVID-19 Health Acknowledgement & Liability Waiver to the Show Office. The completed waiver is required to attend and participate at the event. The waiver is available at www.aqha.com/worldshow. Please print [this waiver](#) and bring it with you to the show.

Show Office

- Pre-entry and show related documents are only available online.
- Show Office capacity will be limited to one person per actively staffed front desk computer, plus one person in the waiting area for the next in line.
- Show Office will require at least 6-foot distancing for check-in areas and in locations where lines form.
- Show Office personnel will have a protective barrier separating them from exhibitors.
- Show Office will sanitize entry and exit points of office regularly. When possible, doors will be left open during check-in or periods of high traffic for air flow.
- Separate entrance/exit doors will be marked to minimize crossing of people.
- To minimize contact, communications will be made through announcements, text alerts, Horse Show Tracker use and other contactless options.
- Stall and VIP RV reservations will be coordinated by AQHA prior to the event. All other RV needs will be handled directly by the facility at 405-948-6713.

No-Contact Options

With these no-contact options, you can further limit your interaction with the Show Office.

- Subscribe to AQHA's Text Alert System by texting "AQHA" to 806-576-0913 for the latest show information.
- Patterns, working orders, results and scoresheets will be available at www.aqha.com/worldshow and via [Horse Show Tracker](#) only.
- Pre-order your shaving through the Feed & Bedding Office at 405-948-6786.

Staff and Other Areas

- AQHA personnel and OKC Fairgrounds staff are required to adhere to social-distancing protocols, daily temperature screenings and to wear face coverings to safeguard themselves and exhibitors to help mitigate the risk of spreading the virus.
- The announcer stands, microphones, judge tables, paddock stands and other show equipment will be sanitized with a disinfectant solution.
- Only AQHA personnel are allowed to access the announcer stands, paddock stands and judge areas.
- Signage will be placed around seating areas and throughout the facility to encourage safe physical distancing.

Enforcement

- Exhibitors, attendees and staff must abide by these social-distancing and health protocols; failure to follow protocols could result in removal from the OKC Fairgrounds and the forfeiture of fees. *Individuals will receive a warning for the first offense, mandatory discussion with show management for the second offense and potential removal from the facility for the third offense.*