

GUIDANCE FOR RODEOS

Overview

Under current Chief Medical Officer of Health Orders, businesses and entities are required to:

- implement practices to minimize the risk of transmission of infection among attendees;
- provide procedures for rapid response if an attendee develops symptoms of illness;
- ensure that attendees maintain high levels of sanitation and personal hygiene;
- comply, to the extent possible, with the [COVID-19 General Relaunch Guidance](#), this guidance, and any other applicable Alberta Health guidance found at: <https://www.alberta.ca/biz-connect.aspx>.

This document has been developed to support rodeo operators in reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19 among attendees (including workers, volunteers, participants and the general public). The guidance provided outlines public health and infection prevention and control measures, specific to rodeo settings.

In Stage 2, with 2 metres of distance maintained between members of different households (with the exception of [cohort families](#)), the following capacity restrictions apply:

- A **maximum of 200 spectators are permitted for outdoor seated/audience** events/settings.
- A **maximum of 100 individuals are permitted in an outdoor gathering** (e.g. rodeo dance, beer garden), including attendees, staff, and volunteers.
- A **maximum of 100 spectators are permitted for indoor seated/audience** events/settings.
- A **maximum of 50 individuals are permitted an indoor gathering** (e.g., rodeo dance, beer garden), including attendees, staff, and volunteers.

This document and the guidance within it is subject to change and will be updated as needed. Current information related to COVID-19 can be found: <https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-information.aspx>

COVID-19 Risk Mitigation

General Guidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Encourage and facilitate workers, participants and volunteers staying up to date with developments related to COVID-19.• Notify all attendees of the steps being taken to prevent the risk of transmission, and the importance of their roles in these measures.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Encourage attendees to download the ABTraceTogether app.• Where possible, COVID-19 signage should be posted in highly visible locations:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ “Help prevent the spread” posters are available.
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- When possible, provide necessary information in languages that are preferred by attendees.
- All Albertans must follow CMOH Order 05-2020, which establishes legal requirements for quarantine and isolation.
 - Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19; with a history of international travel in the last 14 days; or with close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days, must remain at home.
- Organizers should develop a plan to provide isolation for a symptomatic attendee if needed.
- All international travellers (including participants) must quarantine for 14 days upon entering Canada. International travellers must plan ahead to ensure they can complete their quarantine prior to attending a gathering.
- Infants and children should remain with their parents or guardians at all times.
- Hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol should be available at facility entrances and exits and throughout the facility, including near any food services and washrooms without sinks.
- Participants and spectators should be encouraged to wear [non-medical masks](#).
- Use contactless payment and avoid cash payments where possible.
- Use online admission ticketing and timed admission ticketing, where possible.

To support public health contact tracing efforts in the event that an attendee tests positive, organizers should consider collecting the names and contact information of attendees.

- Providing information is voluntary for patrons. Rodeo organizers must obtain an individual's consent and notify them about the purpose and legal authority for the collection.
 - Any personal information that is collected for COVID-19 contact tracing can only be used for this purpose,
- Information about attendees will only be requested by Alberta Health Services if a potential exposure occurs onsite.
- Records should only be kept for two weeks. An organization must make reasonable security arrangements to protect the personal information.
- For more information, the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner has released [Pandemic FAQ: Customer Lists](#) about collecting personal information from customers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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	<p>For questions about operator obligations under the <i>Personal Information Protection Act</i> (PIPA), please contact the FOIP-PIPA Help Desk by phone at 780-427-5848 or by email at sa.accessandprivacy@gov.ab.ca</p>
<p>Screening & Response Plan</p>	<p>Organizers should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post signs that instruct those who may have been exposed to COVID-19 to not enter. • Consider implementing active screening of attendees (where applicable) and staff for symptoms of fever, sore throat, cough, runny nose or difficulty breathing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Operators may choose to use the Alberta Health Daily Checklist. ○ The Alberta Health Services COVID-19 Self-Assessment tool can also be used by attendees. • A rapid response plan sets out a fast-action plan for operators when an attendee shows symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Operators should develop a plan that includes appropriate policies and procedures based on the type of attendees specific to their services and settings. • Staff should be familiar with and follow the rapid response plan if an attendee starts feeling symptoms during a shift. This should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Immediately isolating the attendee from others. ○ Cleaning and disinfecting all surfaces that may have come into contact with the symptomatic attendee. ○ Requiring hand hygiene and masking of the attendee. • The attendee must isolate as soon as possible.
<p>Physical Distancing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrange seating to maintain distancing between parties. For example, assign seats, leave seats empty between groups and alternate rows of seating. • Public access (including participants, media and spectators) should be limited to controlled points of entry, with designated “in” and “out” doors, if possible. • Staff/volunteer access should be limited to one point of entry, separate from public entry, if possible. • High-traffic areas should have one-way flow patterns and be monitored for distancing and hygiene practices. • Limit the number of people in washrooms at a time and, if sinks and urinals are close together, block off alternate fixtures to allow physical distancing. • Consider installing a physical barrier, such as an acrylic sheet at service counters between staff and patrons.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommend spectators stay in their seats as much as possible to avoid crowding in common areas. • Consider how distancing will be maintained between media staff. • Ensure weather emergency plans consider physical distancing.
Food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food service providers should follow the COVID-19 General Relaunch Guidance and the Restaurants, Cafes, Pubs, and Bars Guidance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Food vendors are also required to follow the Food Regulation and Food Retail and Foodservices Code and existing occupational health and safety requirements. • Buffets and self-service options may only be offered if facilitated and overseen by a commercial caterer, who holds a food handling permit, in accordance with the Guidance for Restaurant, Cafés, Pubs and Bars. • Attendees may bring their own food and beverages. Food and beverages should not be shared between households.
Participant Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider physical distancing measures for participants, and animal carers etc. such as modifying time requirements for reporting to staging and preparation areas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Schedule events with enough time in between to allow the previous group to vacate shared spaces, such as paddocks, and for staff/volunteers to clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces before the next group arrives. ◦ Limit the number of people in shared-use participant areas to only those necessary for safety and animal welfare. ◦ Consider limiting the number of participants to enable distancing, if needed. ◦ Advise participants of the schedule in advance to reduce waiting. • Follow national and provincial travel advisories and orders for participants. • Have participants register and pay in advance, wherever possible. • Encourage participants to bring their own supplies and handle their own equipment to reduce sharing of high-touch objects. Where sharing is required, clean and disinfect equipment between users. • Provide participants with protocols in advance of the event.
Cleaning and Disinfection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regularly clean and disinfect high touch surfaces such as door handles, railings, chairs, service counters, ATMs and payment devices. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Where staff or volunteers rotate through a station, such as an announcer stand or box office, clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces between rotations. • Regularly clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces in washrooms and locker rooms.

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<p>Entertainment & Performances</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 can be transmitted through saliva or respiratory droplets while singing and playing wind instruments. As such, these activities must not occur. • Dancing should be considered high-risk and either postponed or carefully managed with appropriate physical distancing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dancers should maintain physical distancing between attendees from different households. ○ Consider types of dancing, such as lines dances, which allow people to remain far apart. • Event organizers should follow the Guidance for Live Music, Dance and Theatre. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consider recorded singing or non-wind instruments (e.g., piano, string instruments or guitar), as an alternative. • Hand-held microphones should not be shared. This includes between event announcers, emcees and entertainers/performers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Podium or stand microphones can be shared, but should not be touched by speakers.
<p>Staff, Volunteers and Vendors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider implementing active screening for symptoms of fever, sore throat, cough, runny nose or difficulty breathing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Operators may choose to use Alberta Health Daily Checklist. ○ The Alberta Health Services COVID-19 Self-Assessment tool can also be used. • Arrange breakrooms and schedule break times to allow physical distancing. • Designate lockers and storage spaces to individuals. • Ensure staff have access to hand washing facilities and/or hand sanitizer as required. • Staff, volunteers and vendors may wear non-medical masks. Masks should be worn where 2 metres distancing cannot be maintained and there is no physical barrier.