



June 16, 2020

The Ozaukee County Fair, which is run by the Ozaukee County Agricultural Society, has decided after careful and thoughtful deliberation to move forward with plans to hold the 161st Fair open to the public. The Fair Board recognizes the community's need for some sense of normalcy in this year that has been so significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Safety and cleanliness considerations are being included in every aspect of planning.

The Fair Board has been in close communications with local authorities on the hurdles this presents and will continue to monitor and consider information as things develop in approaching the July 29, 2020 opening day of the Fair. In particular, we have been consulting with the Washington Ozaukee County Health Department. The Health Department will continue to work with the Fair Board on precautions and recommendations to reduce the risk to the public and the many volunteers that make the Fair possible.

To that end, the Fair Board has decided to proceed with planning a "modified" Fair that will include:

- Limiting capacity of the Fair Grounds to allow for social distancing, which will be strongly encouraged;
- Limiting seating in any grandstand events to the recommended capacity (which will soon be 50%);
- Ceasing the sale of alcoholic beverages at 10 p.m. during the Fair;
- Following deep cleaning and sanitizing recommendations of "high touch" areas including picnic tables, benches, bathrooms, port-a-johns, bleachers, any amusement areas, vending areas/equipment, etc.

These and other measures are subject to change as the situation evolves as the Fair approaches.

The Fair Board requests that any persons at increased risk or who is uncomfortable attending the fair for whatever reason to refrain from doing so. Any person that knows or suspects they have contracted or have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus should not attend or otherwise risk exposing others who do attend.

The 2021 Ozaukee County Fair will be July 28-August 1st, 2021. Please note, the decision whether to postpone, cancel, or move forward was one taken very seriously and made with great care. We understand the majority of the public wishes us to move forward with a fair as "normal", but it is the responsibility of the board to make sure the tradition of the Ozaukee County Fair continues for years to come. We are so very fortunate of the support of our many local businesses and sponsors. It is because of this support that we can provide a completely free event for the public this year!

See you at the Fair,

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