

# ADGA National Show Covid-19 Policy

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Kentucky Expo Center (KEC)

Louisville, Kentucky

**GOAL:** The 2021 National Show COVID-19 subcommittee is to successfully plan and execute a National Show in a COVID-19 positive world. A plan was developed to allow ADGA to hold a National Show while keeping our exhibitors, spectators, and staff safe. Exhibitors and spectators will adhere to all restrictions or not attend the National Show. Violators will be directed to leave the premises immediately. **All restrictions apply from the time of check-in, which will be Saturday, July 17, 2021 (~ 7 am to 7 pm) until the time of departure as outlined herein.**

Rules are posted well in advance of the 2021 National Show. The committee requests that each exhibitor who chooses to enter will consider the rules and agree to abide by them.

**ENFORCEMENT:** All rules outlined herein will be enforced. Anyone unwilling to abide by the rules once they arrive will be directed to leave immediately even if they have not shown. This includes refusal to wear masks correctly. Any herd directed to leave will be subject to further disciplinary action as decided by the National Show Committee and Board of Directors.

**The 2021 Show will be held with the following restrictions:**

## **Part 1: Efforts to prevent transmission of COVID-19:**

1) **Spectators will be allowed within strict guidelines and visitor times. Masks are mandatory and spectators must wear them at all times.** NO exceptions. Only the exhibitors and their designated family members/hired workers will be allowed in barn areas. Spectators will be allowed entry during show hours ONLY and will leave the facility at the conclusion of the show daily. All spectators will be required to wear a wristband while in the facility. They will need to turn in a waiver form at which time they will receive a wristband. Waiver forms are available on the ADGA National Show website or KEC staff will have them available at the door when you arrive. Spectators without wristbands will be asked to leave immediately. If you plan to be at the show more than one day, please leave your wristband on. Spectators are advised to go to the ADGA National Show website to familiarize themselves with the National Show rules. Any person (Exhibitor or Spectator) who refuses to abide by the rules will be asked to leave immediately. (<https://nationalshow.adga.org/forms>)

2) **ALL exhibitors will be required to wear masks in areas where people congregate:** Vet Check, Check In, Milk Check, Holding Area, Show Ring, around the Show Ring, in the Vendor Area, in the Photographer Room, and in the Show Office. Temperature checks are not required. All exhibitors will receive the same wristband which allows them 24 access to the barn. Exhibitors will not be allowed to bring in additional people beyond what is necessary to care for and show their animals. Necessary is defined as members of the immediate family and/or members showing as a herd unit plus ONE additional person specifically hired to help with the herd per 10 animals entered.

3) Limited seating will be available around show ring. Spectators and exhibitors MUST keep aisles clear for animal movement and stay within marked seating area. No seating in holding area. People in the show area for viewing purposes only will refrain from food consumption and limit drink as much as possible. Personal chairs can be brought to the viewing area but should be removed when the individual is done watching the show or will be gone for a significant period of time.

4) **Mask Wearing Specifications and Exemptions.** Spectators and Exhibitors will provide their own masks. Any person who cannot wear a mask for any reason should not attend the 2021 National Show. No medical exemptions will be offered. Masks must be correctly worn (covering nose and mouth) and appropriate. Inappropriate masks will not be allowed. All spectators and exhibitors over age 2 will be required to wear a mask. Face shields are not currently considered by CDC to meet mask requirements.

Masks must cover the nose and mouth and be secured with ties, straps or loops over the ears, or which wraps entirely around the lower face preferably with 2 layers or more.

3) **Milk checks** will be conducted only in a safe and socially distanced way. Exhibitors with concerns should contact the show chairs.

4) The Wine & Cheese event will not be held.

5) The Colorama Sale will not be held this year.

6) No Awards Ceremony will be held.

7) Youth events will be held as usual on the first weekend. Safety protocols will be decided by Youth committee in cooperation with National Show committee. The Fitting contest will not be held in 2021.

8) **Signage and announcements:** Signs will be placed at all doors and regular announcements will be made to warn any person with clinical signs of COVID-19 to stay away from the building and other exhibitors.

9) **Restrooms:** All present in the KEC are required to utilize the facility restrooms and toilets for personal needs. No portable toilets (i.e., "porta potties") of any kind are allowed as this is a clear violation of Kentucky state public health regulations.

**Part 2: COVID-19 Monitoring and Surveillance:** In order to monitor and provide surveillance that allows an early recognition of transmission the following procedures will be put in place. Guidelines are based on the recommendation that the show ring represents the most difficult area to social distance and where close contact is required

1. Any person exhibiting clear COVID-19 symptoms will be asked to leave and seek medical advice. If they can prove they are COVID-19 negative after seeking medical advice they will be admitted to the show. If not, they will be asked to return home.
2. Cell phone numbers will be collected for each exhibitor with the contact tracing forms in case of emergency.
3. ADGA may utilize KEC staff to monitor doors and enforce masks and check wristbands. This will include four (4) rotating staff member who will move through the facility throughout the day enforcing mask requirements, checking wristbands, encouraging social distancing and enforcing the no spectator outside show times. Two staff would work 6 am to 10 pm and two additional staff would work 8 am to 10 pm.
4. KEC will furnish (at no extra cost) hand sanitizing stations and hand sanitizer. KEC has instituted enhanced cleaning protocols throughout the facility. KEC policies can be viewed at [www.kyexpo.org/novel-coronavirus-COVID-19](http://www.kyexpo.org/novel-coronavirus-COVID-19).

### **Part 3: Arrival and Vet Check:**

Vet check will be held in Lot W which is just outside the main gate of the facility. At this point, all exhibitors will be required to turn in a COVID-19 Waiver Form with contact tracing information for every person attending from their farm. This form must be turned in before animals are vet checked.

**Individuals, traveling companions and anyone helping with the herd will be turned back if any of the individuals refuse to correctly wear a mask.** Once the waiver and contact tracing forms are turned in and verified, every exhibitor will receive a special wristband. This colored wristband will get exhibitor into the barn once vet check is completed. No one will be allowed in barn without a wristband. This wristband must stay on all week and will be monitored by the KEC staff. Once animals have cleared vet check, exhibitors will proceed to the West Wing/Pavilion (stalling location will be indicated on the vet check card) and unload. To avoid unnecessary contact at unloading locations, exhibitors should take no more than 45 minutes to unload animals after which time they will be asked to move their truck and trailer to allow other exhibitors to unload animals from hot trailers. Exhibitors are not limited on unload time for tack and feed once they have moved their trailers to accommodate other exhibitors. Exhibitors should stay near their vehicles while waiting to unload. Parking passes will be distributed at check in. Exhibitors will need to explain that they are attending the ADGA National Show and have not yet

obtained their parking pass. One pass will be given to each herd unit attending. Additional parking passes available for purchase at entry. KEC parking staff will be instructed that anyone not wearing a wristband will not be allowed through the gates.

**Part 4: Herd Check-in:**

Registration paper check in will be offices adjacent to the West Wing/Pavilion. Exhibitors must maintain six-foot spacing. All exhibitors must wear the correct colored wristband when inside in the building. Exhibitors MUST indicate on their entry form if they plan to stay in the barn overnight and how many in their group will be staying. Stalling will be assigned to facilitate social distancing for those herds staying overnight in the barn. No one will be allowed to stay in the barn that has not registered at check in for barn camping and been issued a wristband. Please be sure to indicate how many will be staying when you register.

**Part 5: Release from Show:**

**Release:** Herds not opting for early release as outlined herein will be allowed to leave at a set, announced time following the completion of the show but can remain until noon on Friday when all herds will need to be off grounds.

Herds will be allowed early release after the herd is done showing. Show order will be as posted. Early release will be according to the following rules:

A) Exhibitors MUST state on the entry form that they select the option to utilize early release. If not indicated on the entry form, herds will not be allowed to leave early.

B) Herds selecting the early release option will be stalled accordingly in either the Pavilion or the periphery of the West Wing. Herds selecting early release will not have the option to be stalled near the show ring.

C) All herds leaving early will be required to clean pens or pay to have them cleaned. Exhibitors will have the option to clean their own pens and then have them checked prior to receiving a pen clearance form. Pens will need to be checked by the local liaison before release. Exhibitors will have a second option to pay \$10 per pen to have their pens cleaned by a volunteer. The \$10 per pen will need to be paid to the local liaison before receiving a pen clearance. Once the herd has received a pen clearance form, the exhibitor will bring it to the show office for a facility release form. Herds may only leave between the hours of 7 am and 7 pm. No vehicles allowed in the barns. All tack and animals must be walked out to avoid disturbance of other herds. Any herd leaving early will need a facility release form or they will be considered in violation of show rules and dealt with accordingly. A copy of the facility release form will be kept in the office and if a herd is found to have left without one, the exhibitor will face disciplinary action by the National Show committee and Board of Directors. Any exhibitor leaving without permission will have pen cleaning automatically charged to the ADGA account. Further protocol for early release will be posted in detail on the National Show website.

D) Exhibitors who stay until the conclusion of the show do NOT have to clean their pens. Conclusion of the show means the announced release time by the National Show chairs.

E) Clean pen cards and herd release cards will only be available from 7 am to 7 pm. The local show liaison (Karen Smith) will be in charge of the clean pen cards. Herd release cards will be available from either Ken Feaster-Eytchison or Deb Macke in the show office in the West Wing. ADGA Staff will NOT be hand out either card.

**Part 6: Show Ring protocol and related procedures:** Side by side lineups will be socially-distanced.

**Placing cards** will be disposable, printed on cardstock and disposed into trash containers at the end of each class. This eliminates the need to sanitize after each class and lessen the danger to youth representatives.

**Ribbons** for each class will be laid on a table by the exit of the ring and can be picked up by the exhibitor upon exit from the ring.

**Ring stewards** will be placed at a table near the ring entrance and exhibitors will need to check in with them and show their ring card before entering the ring. Responsibility for checking in falls upon the exhibitor and ring steward will not search out exhibitors to check them in. Exhibitors without masks will not be allowed to check in or enter the ring. **Placings** will be taken by a placings secretary from a distance only.

**Awards** such as would normally be given out at Awards Ceremony (Premier Breeder, Exhibitor, Sire, and Production awards) will be delivered to the winning herds following the completion of their breed judging. National Show committee will coordinate the delivery of these awards to lessen contact by youth representatives. Major awards such as premier exhibitor of show, premier breeder of show, premier sire of show, travel award, herdsmanship will also be delivered to individual winners at completion of show on Thursday and before release time. Winners of those awards may be announced on the National Show website.

### **Part 7: Camping and Electrical Policies**

**Overnight camping in barn:** Overnight camping in the barn will be allowed as long as the KEC allows it. Exhibitors must sign up at the ENTRY and will receive a colored wristband that allows them to stay in the barn overnight. Stalling will be done to allow social distancing between those herds staying overnight. Face masks will not be required at night for exhibitors staying overnight. No overnight campers in the barns will be allowed cooking of ANY kind.

**Non-essential electric:** Due to the COVID-19 situation, no cooking will be allowed in the barns. Electrical appliances are not permitted, including but not limited to crock pots, coffee pots, cookers, fryers, microwaves, popcorn poppers, or any other electrical appliances which could be used for cooking. Pasteurizers cannot be used for cooking this year. No refrigerators or electrical coolers are allowed. Exhibitors are allowed to have cold food and coolers with ice in the barn. Violators will be directed to leave and face additional disciplinary action at the discretion of the National Show committee. Laptops, tablets, electric photo frames and cell phones and chargers are allowed in the facility. Livestream will be available for every show. Internet access is available from the facility for \$14.99 a day and can be obtained online. **NOTE:** These are KEC policies, not ADGA policies!

**On-site Camping -- KEC policies:** RV camping (limited availability) is allowed in LOT L only. Cost is \$75 per night with a non-refundable \$75 deposit (RVs and livestock trailers with living quarters built in). Dry camping is allowed in Lot K (but no tent camping allowed at KEC) and cost is \$50 per night with a \$50 non-refundable deposit. Dry campers are allowed to camp in their livestock trailer as long as they have purchased a dry camping permit and have it prominently displayed on their trailer at all times. All exhibitors camping must have a camping permit prominently displayed at all times. Lot K is also trailer parking lot. NO Exhibitor will be allowed to camp in their livestock trailer for free during the show. The lots are patrolled and violators will be removed. All trailers must be moved to Lot K immediately after unloading.

**Part 7: Applicability to Vendors:** All of the policies outlined herein will also apply to any vendors who choose to attend the 2021 National Show. Masking, contact forms and wristbands will all be enforced with vendors. Social distancing will be enforced around the photography booth and the crew will be encouraged to extend their hours to avoid the back up of people waiting to take photos. All vendors in the vendor room will be set up with social distancing enforced.

**Part 8: Response and plan if a case of COVID-19 is suspected or test positive:** Despite the best efforts to monitor and prevent disease transmission it is possible that cases of COVID-19 may occur. These cases pose a unique risk to other participants given the duration of the show and the inability to have individuals return home and isolate. At best the individuals may have a local hotel room they could

isolate, however in many cases they may be living on property in the camping facility or even sleeping within the barns.

1. The local health department will be notified and asked for advice in how to proceed.
2. Contact tracing will be performed with the assistance of the local health department. All contact tracing would be completed by the KY Dept of Public Health. CDC (Centers for Disease Control) guidelines at the time will be used for contact tracing. At present those guidelines are the following:
  - a. Someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period\* starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.
    - i. *\* Individual exposures added together over a 24-hour period (e.g., three 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes). Data are limited, making it difficult to precisely define "close contact;" however, 15 cumulative minutes of exposure at a distance of 6 feet or less can be used as an operational definition for contact investigation. Factors to consider when defining close contact include proximity (closer distance likely increases exposure risk), the duration of exposure (longer exposure time likely increases exposure risk), whether the infected individual has symptoms (the period around onset of symptoms is associated with the highest levels of viral shedding), if the infected person was likely to generate respiratory aerosols (e.g., was coughing, singing, shouting), and other environmental factors (crowding, adequacy of ventilation, whether exposure was indoors or outdoors). Because the general public has not received training on proper selection and use of respiratory Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), such as an N95, the determination of close contact should generally be made irrespective of whether the contact was wearing respiratory PPE. At this time, differential determination of close contact for those using fabric face coverings is not recommended.*
  - b. It is prudent to emphasize that this definition is likely to include any individual that is traveling with, helping to care for or showing animals with an exhibitor, hence it is very possible that all individuals associated with a herd could be considered close contacts and required to do a 14-day quarantine if one individual in the group is a suspect or confirmed COVID-19 test positive.
3. Herds for which an exhibitor (or animal care taker/helper) has been recommended by a medical professional to isolate and for which other helpers are considered close contacts will be removed from the main barn and quarantined in an area that the individuals contacting the goats are not in proximity to other exhibitors. Since requiring these herds to travel home could be against local or state guidelines for positive cases, the local health department will be responsible for determining the best course of action for these herds. Individuals and animals from these herds will not be allowed in the main penning areas, around the showing or to participate in the show.
4. If there is a confirmed positive case of COVID-19 during the show, a general announcement that there have been confirmed cases (while maintaining appropriate medical confidentiality) will be made and other exhibitors reminded to stay distanced if they develop any clinical symptoms of disease.