



***CORONAVIRUS
GROUND RULES &
SAFETY GUIDELINES***

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INTRODUCTION

Dear PRCA Members;

We are all eager for the return of ProRodeo to our arenas, but we must also recognize the substantial responsibility that comes with returning to competition. PRCA will return in an environment that will ensure the safety of our competitors, volunteers and those in the local community. In partnership with the local committees and following thorough collaboration with public health officials, medical experts and state and federal officials, PRCA desires to implement a comprehensive plan to ensure the health and safety of our competitors and the surrounding communities.

In accordance with CDC, OSHA and federal government recommendations, we have significantly modified event procedures to help reduce health risks. Every rodeo is unique and therefore no “one-size-fits-all” roadmap to success exists, but we believe for the immediate future they must be strictly followed for your safety, and those of your fellow competitors and the local community. We thank you for your cooperation in helping our safe, successful return.

It is also recommended for Rodeo Committees to work with their city, county or state health departments to review these protocols to ensure there are no additional requirements.

Let us lead by example in showcasing to the sports world how Rodeo can have performances with fans in a safe and healthy environment. Thank you for all of your hard work as we continue to navigate these unprecedented times. Most importantly, please continue to stay safe and healthy.

George Taylor
PRCA, CEO





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COVID-19 OVERVIEW

The PRCA has developed a comprehensive set of COVID-19 Ground Rules and Safety Guidelines to return rodeo in a safe and prudent manner. How we have conducted rodeo in the past and now has changed. The Ground Rules and Safety Guidelines are established to embrace the health and safety of all members in preserving the spirit and legacy of the Cowboy. The COVID-19 Ground Rules and Safety Guidelines were reviewed in close consultation with a diverse group of medical and rodeo experts.

For the immediate near future, we will have to conduct medical screening of members, and encourage social distancing of our members and fans. The health and safety of our members, employees, fans and communities in which we rodeo has been the PRCA's focus since the pandemic began and will remain so as we return to competition in a responsible manner.

There is no guarantee of an illness-free event even if you follow everything in the PRCA Covid-19 Ground Rules and Safety Guidelines. It is indisputable that planning, training and implementing reasonable health and safety measures are the best ways to protect PRCA Rodeos and the members who create them, while also inspiring patrons to return to the place where ProRodeo takes place.

We ask for you to familiarize yourself with the PRCA COVID-19 Guidelines and CDC recommendations regarding the prevention of COVID-19.

HEALTH & MEDICAL SCREENING

Depending on the date and location of your rodeo, the PRCA may require Rodeos to conduct mandatory Health and Medical Screening for every individual participating in your rodeo. Upon arrival at the rodeo grounds, all personnel (Contestants, Stock Contractors, Contract Personnel, Rodeo Committee Members) must be screened outside of the arena before being granted access into the rodeo arena. The screening process is a series of questions and getting a temperature taken. Those individuals who do not clear the initial screening will be directed to a secondary screening and may be asked to leave the grounds for further evaluation from a medical provider.

If medical authorities have concerns at any time about an individual's suitability to participate, that person may be denied access to the event until cleared by their physician. In consultation with PRCA medical experts, the PRCA may include testing as an element of the medical screening process.

Certain populations may be at increased personal risk regarding COVID-19. Please review the [CDC definition of "People Who Are at Higher Risk of Severe Illness,"](#) e.g. people over 65, and people with existing underlying medical conditions such as: chronic lung disease, moderate to severe asthma, severe heart disease, immunocompromised, chronic kidney disease, liver disease, severe obesity, diabetes, etc.



The PRCA recommends that participants who meet the CDC definition of “People Who Are at Higher Risk of Severe Illness,” not participate in the rodeo. If you are unsure if you meet the CDC definitions, please consult with your physician.

Participants concerned for their own health should consult with their physician prior to participation in the event.

Members should be symptom and fever free for a minimum of 72 hours before the event day. Individuals with a confirmed COVID-19 infection, with known exposure to a confirmed COVID-19 case in the last 14 days, exhibiting physical symptoms of COVID-19 or experiencing a fever should not participate and consult with their physician.

If members are experiencing COVID-19 type symptoms, please do not participate and do not travel to the rodeo. Seek medical attention and be tested.

- CDC COVID-19 Symptoms, [click here](#).
 - If in the last 24 hours, the person has had: New or Worsening Cough; Shortness of Breath; Difficulty Breathing
 - If they have had two (2) of these symptoms: Fever; Chills; Repeated Shaking with Chills; Muscle Pain; Headache; Sore Throat; New Loss of Taste or Smell

In order to protect the health of all members and to protect the sport of rodeo, all members must follow the guidelines. Regardless of your feelings about the current situation or your concern about your own personal safety, these guidelines serve to protect those who are vulnerable and to ensure that the sport of rodeo, which many of you depend on for some or all of your livelihood, can resume and continue unimpeded. This is neither the time nor place for acts of defiance in furtherance of a political agenda or self-expression of individual rights.

It is important to maintain social distancing and health requirements for the protection of contestants, stock contractors, contract personnel, rodeo committee personnel, volunteers, and fans.

SOCIAL DISTANCING & COMPARTMENTALIZING

Rodeo presents unique situations where different groups are interacting and cross functioning from one end of the arena to the other. It is recommended to compartmentalize committees’ personnel functions into cells of 10 or fewer people to avoid an outbreak that could jeopardize the event. All compartmentalized teams should limit their interactions with other groups and follow social distancing guidelines and wear Personal Protective Equipment. It is important to manage how riding and timed events are conducted and managing the entry and exit of contestants during all performances.

- Rodeo Committee personnel, Contract Personnel and Contestants should operate in functional cells, keeping working spaces separated and limiting contact with others minimally.
- Rodeo Committees should mark the rodeo grounds in both ends of the arena to properly social distance contestant areas.
- Rodeo Committee personnel should minimize direct contact with each other during the rodeo via two-way radios and/or cell phones.



CDC EDUCATION RESOURCES

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has an [information hub](#) that includes comprehensive guidance for operating during the COVID-19 pandemic. We recommend familiarizing yourself with the following CDC resources:

- [People Who Need to Take Extra Precautions](#)
- [People Who are at Higher Risk for Severe Illness](#)
- [How to Protect Yourself and Others](#)
- [COVID-19 Symptoms](#)
- [What to Do if You are Sick](#)

LOCAL, COUNTY & STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

All PRCA Rodeos should contact its applicable local, county and state health departments in advance of your rodeo to ensure of any additional directives necessary for the conduct of your rodeo. Should you have any questions regarding government directives, please contact the PRCA.

TRAVEL GUIDANCE

CDC Guidance recommends staying at home as much possible and practice social distancing. In advance of PRCA events, participants should follow these guidelines and try to self-isolate before and between events to reduce exposure to potential infection. [CDC Travel in the United States](#).

When traveling, consider the following recommendations:

- Minimize contact with others and limit carpooling
- Anticipate needs before departing your home to minimize unnecessary stops which could increase your exposure risk.
 - Pack non-perishable food and water for the trip
 - Have alcohol-based hand sanitizer readily available in your vehicle
 - Have disinfectant wipes readily available in your vehicle and wipe down fuel station pumps
 - Travel directly to the Rodeo Grounds and return home after the event.

USE OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

The PRCA COVID-19 Ground Rules and Safety Guidelines require the use of personal protection equipment for all members. In accordance with CDC recommendations, wear a face mask over the nose and mouth to reduce potential infection.



CONTINGENCY PLANNING

Working with medical authorities, the PRCA has developed detailed Ground Rules and Safety Guidelines to address potential emerging infections. During pre-entry screening, medical authorities will provide an on-site assessment to determine if a participant will be allowed to access the inner rodeo grounds and arena. If a participant develops symptoms during the event day, medical resources inside the facility will be prepared to isolate that individual and a disinfecting and decontaminating response will be implemented to ensure vehicles, equipment and venue areas are quickly cleaned. In accordance with state, county and local mandates, notify public health officials immediately.

RESPONSE TO POTENTIAL EXPOSURE

In the event of a potential exposure situation, detailed procedures for participants and organizations are outlined in the PRCA's Coronavirus Ground Rules & Safety Guidelines.

- Rodeo Committees and Members must be familiar with requirements for cleaning and disinfecting venue areas, equipment and work areas.
- A comprehensive guide prepared by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration regarding best practices for workplace cleaning related to COVID-19 can be found by [clicking here](#).

WAIVERS

All members must submit a completed HIPAA waiver and COVID-19 waiver to the PRCA prior to their admittance to the inner rodeo grounds and arena.

- HIPAA Waiver
- COVID-19 Waiver

ProRodeo will return to hosting over 700 rodeos annually, while ensuring the safety of our members and communities. Following these guidelines and procedures is critical to our overall success.

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COVID-19 RODEO GROUND RULES

These are Ground Rules which may be implemented at individual rodeos and tailored to meet the needs of the individual rodeos based upon location and health department requirements. These ground rules apply to PRCA and WPRA members.

MANDATORY COVID-19 SCREENING

COVID-19 Screening is only for members/participants. During pre-entry screening, a participant indicating known exposure to a confirmed COVID-19 case in the last 14 days, exhibiting physical symptoms of COVID-19 as identified in the screening questionnaire or experiencing a fever will be required to undergo secondary screening with on-site medical personnel.

At secondary screening the participant will either be cleared to participate or given further instructions at the discretion of the medical staff. Medical officials may recommend that a member be denied access to the inner rodeo grounds and arena due to medical concerns.

If members do not clear pre-event screening process, the PRCA will draw out the contestant and refund entry fees for affected rodeo(s). The member will be required to get proper clearance to participate from their physician prior to competing at the next scheduled PRCA Rodeo.

- Rodeo Committee to establish a primary check-in and COVID-19 screening location for all PRCA/WPRA members, following CDC Guidelines. A secondary screening area will be established adjacent to the primary screening area.
- All Rodeo Committee members, stock contractors and contract personnel must be COVID-19 screened daily prior to inner rodeo grounds and arena entry.
- Upon entering the rodeo grounds, all participants will be directed to the check-in and COVID-19 screening area.
 - All rodeo members/participants will wear a face mask covering the nose and mouth upon entering the screening area.
- Rodeo Committee to establish colored wristband system to grant entry to rodeo arena for all PRCA/WPRA members who cleared the COVID-19 screening.
- Screening will be done, including questions and temperature check:
 - If in the last 24 hours, the person has had:
 - Cough; Shortness of Breath; Difficulty Breathing
 - Please ask them to leave, let them know that we are not testing anyone with possible current infection, and they should seek evaluation by a medical provider
 - If they have had two (2) of these symptoms:
 - Fever; Chills; Repeated Shaking with Chills; Muscle Pain; Headache; Sore Throat; New Loss of Taste or Smell
 - Please ask them to leave, let them know that we are not testing anyone with possible current infection, and they should seek evaluation by a medical provider



- Temperature Check. If person has a temperature over 100.3, individual will be asked to sit in an air-conditioned vehicle or non-rodeo facility for one hour, and then have temperature taken again.
- At the second screening, participants will enter the secondary tent and complete the Secondary Screening Questionnaire. If the second temperature reading does not go below 100.3:
 - Please ask them to leave, let them know that we are not testing anyone with possible current infection, and they should seek evaluation by a medical provider
- COVID-19 Health Screenings will be available prior, during and after each rodeo performance for the protection of all members. If a member appears to be experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, said member will be directed to report to the COVID-19 Screening area for evaluation.

PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT (PPE)/FACE MASKS

- Contestants will be given one warning for not wearing a mask. If they have to ask a second time, they will be denied access to the arena, which could result in a non-notified turnout.

RIDING EVENTS

- Social distancing for riding event contestants and stock contractors is imperative for the rodeo. All personnel on the chutes, except for the contestant, shall be required to wear a face mask covering the nose and mouth.
- Contestant Face Masks
 - Contestant must wear a mask prior to riding.
 - Contestant face mask may be removed prior to getting on your horse/bull
 - As soon as your ride is over, contestant must put face mask on.
- The back of the bucking chutes is limited to essential personnel only. This requirement is to protect the safety and health of all individuals.
 - Non-essential rodeo personnel are not permitted in and around the chutes.
 - Essential personnel includes: contestant, helper, flank man, judge, gatemen, chute boss, neck rope man, TV production, head man.
 - Medical and Veterinarian personnel may be present on the chutes to attend to any injury and limit their time on the back of the bucking chutes.
 - Any person not listed above and not physically helping the contestant and animal to exit the chute are considered non-essential.
- Each contestant shall be allowed one helper and must be a PRCA member and contestant entered in the event.
 - The Contestant Helper may be responsible for cinching, spotting, pulling ropes, and the safety of the rider.
 - The Contestant must be present when the Contestant Helper is screened.
- Stock Contractor shall provide one flank man per delivery side of the bucking chutes.
- One back judge per delivery of the chute, if applicable.
- Contestants will be staged per the number of chutes available, respecting the social distance of members. Rodeo Committee will provide warm-up areas to stage riding



- event contestants, limiting congestion on the bucking chutes to follow social distancing recommendations. Staging areas should be sufficient to allow for social distancing guidelines (groups of 10 or less).
 - Contestants and helpers in warm-up areas must wear a face mask over the nose and mouth.
- Chute Bosses shall wear a face mask covering the nose and mouth.
- Pick-up men, bullfighters and barrelmen should have ready access to disinfectant spray during riding events to wipe themselves down as necessary.
- At the end of the ride, the contestant shall exit the arena. Contestants can stay as long as social distancing guidelines are followed and wearing a face mask covering the nose and mouth.
 - Bull fighters will not retrieve bull ropes or hats for riders. No high fives or other physical contact in or around the arena.
- Bucking chutes are sprayed or wiped down with disinfectant between events.

TIMED EVENTS

- One contestant in the arena at any time and must exit after each run.
- Contestants shall not congregate in groups larger than 10 people and follow social distancing guidelines. Contestants shall wear face masks covering nose and mouth when not competing.
- Contestant Face Masks
 - Contestant must wear a mask prior to their run.
 - Contestant face mask may be removed prior to run.
 - As soon as your run is over, contestant must put face mask on.
- All timed event personnel, including sorters, must wear a face mask covering the nose and mouth.
- Each contestant shall be allowed one helper and should be a PRCA/WPRA member and contestant entered in the event.
 - The Contestant must be present when the Contestant Helper is screened.
- Personnel allowed in the timed-event boxes.
 - Contestant, hazer, chute boss, pusher, head man, next two contestants may be in the box to help the current contestant and to watch the start.
 - Contestants enter the arena when called upon.
- Contestant shall exit arena at end of run and follow social distancing guidelines.

JUDGES

- Judges shall wear face masks covering nose and mouth.

CONTRACT PERSONNEL

- Contract Personnel requiring additional individuals for acts shall only use medically screened personnel.
- Contract Personnel shall not enter spectator seating to minimize any chance of contracting COVID-19.





OPTIONAL RODEO GROUND RULES

The Rodeo Committee and Rodeo Secretary to confirm Rodeo Secretary Ground Rules.

RODEO SECRETARY

- All entry fees are paid through the PRCA/WPRA.
- Rodeo Secretary will not handle any cash or checks.
- All draws will be posted outside of the secretary's office and online. No contestants allowed in the rodeo secretary office.
- Rodeo Secretary should work with only one PRCA contestant or Rodeo Committee personnel at any time.
 - Six feet markings should be placed on the ground to follow social distancing standards.
- Rodeo Secretary should minimize contact and exchange of items with contestant, stock contractors and contract personnel.
- Rodeo Committee should try to provide a barrier (glass or plexiglass pane) for interaction with PRCA members.
 - If no barrier, Rodeo Secretary and PRCA member/Rodeo Committee personnel shall wear a face mask covering the nose and mouth.
- Rodeo Secretary should be provided with sanitizing spray or wipes to protect themselves and members.
- Rodeo draw personnel (judges, secretary, timers, etc.) shall wear face masks covering the nose and mouth.
- Secretary to provide judges' draw sheets for riding and timed events to PRCA to be posted on www.prorodeo.com.





RODEO SAFETY GUIDELINES

Each PRCA Rodeo Committee should consider these processes for Rodeo Grounds and operations. Rodeo Committees should review and consult with the appropriate health department for additional requirements.

GENERAL SAFETY GUIDELINES

- Perform a risk assessment to determine where members and public interact and focus efforts there.
- Keep Rodeo Committee personnel who experiencing and showing symptoms at home and encourage fans to stay home if experiencing and showing symptoms.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched areas, entry/exit locations, doors, railings, etc., with the focus on highly congested and congregation areas.
- Individuals should not congregate in groups larger than 10 individuals at any given time. Safe distance of at least six feet apart is recommended. If unable to maintain recommended social distance a face mask covering mouth and nose is required.
- Rodeo office should provide at least six-foot distancing for check-ins areas and for locations where lines form. In highly congested areas, try to provide six feet markings to follow social distancing recommendations.
- Rodeo office personnel should wear a face mask covering the nose and mouth or have a protective window separating contestants and rodeo committee personnel.
- Rodeo Committees and contract personnel should minimize and limit the exchange of items between contestants.
- Rodeo Committees should provide sanitizing wipes and/or sanitize entry and exit points of rodeo office regularly. It is recommended to leave doors open during check-in periods. Ideally should have a separate entrance/exit area so you can minimize crossing of people.
- Any and all meetings for the rodeo should observe a safe distance of at least six feet and all attendees wear a face mask over the nose and mouth. It is ideal to have no more than 10 people in meetings to the best extent possible.
- Use [EPA-registered disinfectants](#) to clean. As with any EPA-registered product, carefully read the label and only use the product as described in its directions. Provide disinfectant spray or wipes throughout rodeo grounds and functional areas.
- Physical barriers and physical distancing are your best lines of defense.
- Discourage non-essential people arena access to events in the arena.
- Limit physical contact to the greatest extent possible.
- Stagger contestant arena entries per event to minimize gatherings.



ANNOUNCERS, SECRETARY, TIMER(S), SOUND, SCOREBOARD PERSONNEL

- The announcer stand (tables, seats, microphones, scoreboard, sound boards, etc.) shall be wiped down before and after each performance with a disinfectant solution.
- [Acceptable EPA approved cleaning products](#)
- Provide at least six feet of distance between personnel and mark accordingly.
- Contract personnel, excluding announcer(s), shall wear face masks over the nose and mouth.
- Only essential personnel are allowed to access the Announcer Stand.

SPONSOR FLAGS AND ADDITIONAL LOCAL EVENTS

- All flag poles and flags shall be wiped down prior and after all uses.
- All flag personnel should maintain social distancing of at least six feet leading into, during and after any flag ceremony.
- Flag personnel should wear a face mask covering the nose and mouth, prior to entering the arena and after exiting the arena.
- All flag presentation of colors shall maintain at least six feet of distance for the national anthem(s).
- Rodeos should try to minimize the number of flag personnel congregating at any period of time during the rodeo.
- Discourage non-essential people arena access to events in the arena.
- Rodeo Queens should follow Sponsor Flag recommendations.

BOX OFFICE RECOMMENDATIONS

- Box Office windows should have a protective pane reducing potential contamination.
- Box Office personnel should wear a face mask covering the nose and mouth.
- Minimize the exchange of items (tickets, cash, credit cards) from box office personnel and fans.
- Box Office personnel should wear protective gloves and throw away prior to exit of box office.
- Box Office personnel shall wipe customer windows, tables, doors, handles, and other common areas with a disinfectant spray or wipes.
 - [Acceptable EPA approved cleaning products](#)
- If possible, digital tickets are recommended for fans.
- If possible, all ticket sales should be conducted via an online source.

CONTESTANT AND SPONSOR HOSPITALITY

- All contestant and sponsor seating and hospitality shall provide safe distancing standards of six feet distancing between individuals.
- It is highly encouraged to provide a face mask that covers the nose and mouth for all attendees. A branded kerchief is acceptable.
- Rodeo Committees shall work with local/county health departments for all food and beverage serving requirements.
- Rodeo Committees should work with Fire Department on maximum capacity limits for all public gathering areas.



ESTABLISH SANITATION TEAMS

- This team's function is to be incorporated into health and safety plans and training.
- Coordinate with, communicate, and help implement public health guidelines.
- Modify existing safety plans for compatibility with new health plans.
- Create volunteer/worker training that applies current information about hazards and infection control measures, including social distancing, handwashing, temperature checking and disinfecting high-touch surfaces.
- Identify a team of Committee Members or volunteers to monitor, disinfect and record dates and times of cleanings.
- Develop a sanitation tracking checklist to confirm scheduled cleanings
- Provide additional sanitizing areas throughout the rodeo grounds for use by attendees.
- Establish separate cleaning crews.





CLEANING & DISINFECTING

Workspaces should be separated and avoid touching others work areas, tools, computers, etc. The daily cleaning and disinfecting of workspaces responsibility is the user(s) of the functional space – before, during and after the rodeo performance. Rodeo Committee should provide sanitizing spray or wipes throughout functional areas.

RODEO COMMITTEE

- Rodeo grounds
- Restrooms
- Concession Stands
- Grandstands
- Ticket Booth(s)
- Production Room
- Meeting Rooms
- Fan & Sponsor Areas
- Sanitizing Stations
- EMTs
- Radios and Headsets

RODEO SECRETARY

- Secretary Office
- Timer stand(s)
- Radios and Headsets
- Doors
- Windows

ANNOUNCERS, MUSIC DIRECTORS, SCOREBOARD

- Announcer Stand
- Scoreboard Equipment
- Music Equipment
- Common Areas
- Stairwells
- Doors

RIDING EVENTS

- Bucking chutes
- Stripping pens
- Chute platforms
- Contestant staging areas
- Exit gates
- Center gate

TIMED EVENTS

- Timed event box
- Timed event chute
- Back pens
- Contestant entry and exit areas
- Contestant staging areas

CONTESTANTS

- Equipment
- Truck
- Trailer/Camper
- Follow bio-security for all horses & trailers





SPECTATOR PREPARATION

SPECTATOR EDUCATION

There is considerable resistance to face coverings and social distancing as there was to bag checks and magnetometers in the United States following 9/11. Most people came to accept they were for our own safety. A cultural change is necessary again.

- Widespread messaging by rodeos can accomplish two essential goals:
 - Spectators will learn new rules are for their protection, which will eventually lead to greater compliance.
 - Transparently show new sanitary practices will coax the general public back into public places.
- What to explain?
 - In addition to existing rules and recommendations PRCA Rodeos have today, it is time to develop new procedures and expectations for your ticket consumers.
 - Social distancing and face coverings are required.
 - Health Screening may be conducted resulting in longer wait times.
 - Provide positive, practical and proportionate messaging.
- Where to Message?
 - Rodeo website, social media networks, ticketing websites, partner websites promoting tickets, mobile apps, etc.
 - Emails to prior rodeo attendees and ticket consumers.
 - Reminder email of new policies re-sent to spectators several days prior to event.
 - Signage in parking lots and entrances
 - Event registration and badge check-in
 - Guest services staff and volunteers. Provide rodeo committee personnel to walk along the line of ingress or among patrons waiting for service can put a friendly face on health and safety rules, and they encourage compliance by modeling good behavior.





SPECTATOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Each PRCA Rodeo Committee should consider processes for mass gatherings. Rodeo Committees should review and consult with the appropriate health department for additional requirements.

PRE-EVENT SCREENING

If a patron displays symptoms or otherwise indicates high risk for possible infection, he/she will not be allowed access the rodeo and arena during the event.

- Medical personnel will conduct a secondary screening to evaluate the individual and determine the appropriate action in accordance with CDC guidelines for mass gatherings, which may include:
 - Returning home; Seek immediate medical care; Self-quarantine for 14 days; etc.
- Dedicated medical resources will be available at the screening location to evacuate suspected infected personnel if medical authorities deem necessary.
- Rodeo Committee must prepare a support plan for any participant denied participation in the event due to medical concerns. That plan must include transportation arrangements to immediately remove the individual(s) from the event site per the medical official's guidance.

DURING THE RODEO

Rodeo Committees are required to immediately report to the PRCA and medical officials any member developing symptoms during the rodeo.

- Individuals developing a fever or symptoms during the event day will be required to undergo an evaluation at the designated screening location. Medical personnel will assess the individual and determine appropriate action and treatment.
- Dedicated medical resources will be available at the screening location to evacuate suspected infected personnel, if necessary.
- Medical officials may determine an individual must depart the rodeo grounds immediately due to medical concerns.
- Disinfecting and decontamination materials will be pre-positioned to facilitate immediate cleaning of areas accessed by an individual suspected of COVID-19 infection.
- Rodeo Committee must prepare a support plan for any participant denied participation in the event due to medical concerns. That plan must include transportation arrangements to immediately remove the individual(s) from the event site per the medical official's guidance.
- Mark the grandstands in 6' social distancing guidelines, providing spectators to assemble in groups of 10 or less individuals and encourage to wear a face mask covering the nose and mouth.
- Provide public address announcements to rodeo announcer(s) on proper mass gathering policies to ensure the health and safety of all patrons
- Place Safety Language signage throughout the grandstands



SCREENING PROCEDURES

- Recruit assistance from your major local hospital to provide medical personnel to conduct spectator health screenings, utilizing the COVID-19 Questionnaire and Temperature standards as established by the CDC for mass gatherings.
- Consider staggered entry times for spectators by ticket levels and publicize to attendees.
- Ensure public entry points are separate from member entry.
- Have multiple information sheets available for Screening Personnel with the nearest hospital and emergency room for those who may not pass the health screening.
- Identify Spectator Screening locations before ticket booth(s)

PARKING PROCEDURES

- Mark spectator parking away from member parking areas if possible. Try to have spectator parking lots marked with 6' distance from neighboring vehicles.
- Develop a plan for pedestrians from vehicle traffic and preserve room for pedestrians to pass.
- Mark or place directional signage for spectator entrance(s) for health screening
- At the health screening location(s), mark 6' distance areas to line up spectators accordingly.
- Provide a hand sanitizing station(s) at entry locations
- Place Safety Language signage at health screening locations and parking lots
- If conducting health screening:
 - Create an aisle exit for spectators who do not successfully pass the health screening
 - Establish a refund policy for spectator and guests who do not pass the health screening

RODEO INGRESS/EGRESS PROCEDURES

- Provide handwashing stations with either soap and water or sanitizer at points of ingress and other well marked locations throughout the rodeo grounds. These stations should allow no-touch activation. Personnel must regularly confirm there are adequate supplies.
- Security and Ticket personnel should wear face masks and gloves at entry points for their health and to model safe practices. Workers should avoid touching tickets or patrons unless their task requires it. After touching, the worker should immediately discard gloves, wash hands and put on new gloves.
- Stagger the entry and exit of spectators in an organized fashion through multiple exits and establish entry and exits away from member areas.
 - Staggered ingress minimizes lines for security checks and ticket scanning.
 - Consider multiple rodeo ground entries.
- Provide ushers to help spectators exit in an orderly fashion, and provide exit announcer scripting
- Consider one row at a time leave when upon signal from usher. Start with the fans that are closest to the exits first and work toward the last row.



HIGH TRAFFIC & CONGESTED AREAS

- Rodeo Committee to remind fans on the importance of wearing face masks covering the nose and mouth.
- Provide sanitizing stations.
- In highly congested areas, try to provide six feet markings to follow social distancing recommendations.
- Place signage around spectator seating and highly congested areas regarding safe distancing.
- Rodeo Committee should seek ways to disinfect spectator seating and heavily congested areas after each performance.
 - [Acceptable EPA approved cleaning products](#)
- Rodeo Committee should provide at least six feet distance from arena wall and/or rails to protect fans and rodeo personnel.
- Rodeo Committees shall work with local/county health departments for approval and regulations.

SEATING (SEATED / GENERAL ADMISSION)

- Depending upon your seating requirements for your venue, a variety of scenarios present themselves to accommodate social distancing.
- Seated Venues
 - There is more than likely some flexibility in the number of seats to remove/kill in order to maintain social distancing.
 - There may be group sales for events and the Rodeo Committee may be able to accommodate their needs of sitting closer together, however if someone gets sick, that decision will be judged.
- General Admission
 - Spectators can not stand at the front of the stage like they are accustomed.
 - The challenge with General Admission seating is hard to supervise and voluntary social distance and wear face coverings.
 - Teaching spectators to proactively engage in healthy behavior may be the first hurdle General Admission venues should try to clear.
- Hallways
 - Rodeo Committee will need to establish a traffic flow for spectators to enter seating locations.
 - Clearly mark paths to seating via section numbers.
 - If possible, try to move guests in one direction in hallways
 - Provide additional Guest Services staffing to direct spectators to their seats. Ensure all Guest Services staff are wearing face masks to model a healthy behavior.



CONCESSION STANDS

- Stock concession stands with pre-packaged items as much possible.
- Source canned or plastic bottle drinks as opposed to self-pour machines.
- Concession staffing should limit the number of personnel behind to follow safe distancing standards.
- Where practicable, install physical barriers such as clear plastic barriers in and around registers and order placement stations.
- Provide six feet distance markers on the concession stand aisles.
- Provide sanitizing stations in and around concession stand areas.
- Increase concession personnel in stands to sell packaged food and canned/bottled drinks.
- Consult with the local health department for any addition food and drink concession sale areas.
- Point of sale terminals should be assigned to one person and sanitize between each user.
- All sales should be credit card only. If accepting cash, cashier should wear protective gloves and not serve food and beverages.
- Tables and Chairs should be social distanced. Staff should be available to clean and sanitize after each user.
- Provide pre-wrapped utensils to spectators.
- Condiments should be served at the concession counter with the order or provide single-use packets. Open condiment stations should not be used.
- Have a single entry and exit area point for stands.
- Safe service of food and beverages will require frequent sanitization of many small items, such as:
 - Bottle/can openers and pour spouts
 - Cutting boards
 - Grill scrapers
 - Ice buckets/scoops
 - Measuring cups/spoons
 - Pots and Pans
 - Serving utensils
 - Squeeze bottles
 - Table tops

RESTROOMS

- Rodeo Committee should limit the occupancy of restrooms to ensure social distancing.
- Spectators may congregate outside of restrooms and social distancing markers of 6 feet should be marked to accommodate space between spectators. Try to clearly mark start of line markings to avoid spectator frustration.
- Place hand sanitizer at the entry and exit points for spectators to use.
- Ensure the sanitation team is monitoring the restroom facilities regularly.



EMERGENCY EXIT / TAKE SHELTER

- The need to social distance creates significant challenges when planning to evacuate a crowd during an emergency.
- If a “take shelter” order is required against a weather hazard such as lightning, social distancing may not be possible in existing areas. Develop additional and alternate assembly areas and more egress portals to mobilize mass evacuation.
- If spectators are instructed to return to their vehicles in an emergency, personnel will need to evaluate a plan to exit a crowd avoid the risk of infection while moving from the emergency.
- The goal of maintaining six feet between people would become a secondary consideration if there is a clear and imminent danger requiring an emergency evacuation.
- The first priority for Emergency Exit Plans should reflect moving spectators away from the most urgent hazard.

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

- People with disabilities may require new accommodations.
- Deaf patrons who read lips may require screening from personnel with a clear facemask or set up an area where both individuals are protected with a solid see through screen to communicate.
- All rodeo venues who restrict access (ingress/egress) still have to offer enough accessible seating, including companion seats, to comply with disability laws.
- Consideration for ticket consumers who are unable to wait in a long line may need a more expedited access procedure.
- In order to remain compliant with the American Disability Act, rodeo committee should consult with a local advocate for person with disabilities or law enforcement.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Minimize member and public interaction areas, such as autograph sessions, sponsor hosted sessions, public hospitality, etc.
- Limit the availability of concessions at the end of the rodeo or announce at the start of the last event that all concession stands are closing.
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SAFETY MESSAGING FOR PUBLIC

SAFETY LANGUAGE RECOMMENDATIONS

- Post signage at entry points, grandstands, ticket booths
- Print language on ticket backs or place letter with tickets
- Post language on website and online ticket sales websites
- Personal Safety Language

WARNING – ENTER VENUE AT YOUR OWN RISK FACILITY ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SPREAD OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

BY ENTERING YOU AGREE THAT YOU ARE ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR OWN PERSONAL SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF OTHERS BY FOLLOWING ALL CDC RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES, INCLUDING SOCIAL DISTANCING.

AVOID TOUCHING YOUR EYES, NOSE AND MOUTH.

PLEASE BRING & WEAR A FACE MASK COVERING YOUR NOSE AND MOUTH.

UTILIZE HAND WASHING AND SANITIZING STATIONS REGULARLY.

DO NOT ENTER VENUE IF YOU ARE SUSCEPTIBLE TO ILLNESS OR ARE SHOWING SYMPTOMS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

BY ENTERING THE VENUE, YOU ARE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT YOU ARE RELEASING THE OWNER AND ALL SANCTIONING AND PARTICIPATING PARTIES OF LIABILITY. THE ACT OF ENTERING THE VENUE HEREBY RELEASES, WAIVES, DISCHARGES AND COVENANTS NOT TO SUE THE VENUE OWNER, EVENT ORGANIZERS AND AFFILIATED PARTIES.





RISK ASSESSMENT TOOLKIT

Guidance for the use of the [World Health Organization \(WHO\) Mass Gathering Sports Addendum Risk Assessment](#) tools in the context of COVID-19. Coronavirus creates different challenges that depends on countless factors, including size of event, geographic location, physical space, and anticipated attendees, to name just a few.

This toolkit is for event planning for mass gatherings during the current outbreak of COVID-19

Routine planning for mass gatherings includes conducting risk assessments to determine the overall risk of disease spread. In view of the current outbreak of COVID-19, a disease-specific and event-specific risk assessment and mitigation checklist has been developed for use by organizers of mass gathering, to assess the specific risk of COVID-19.

This toolkit includes all factors from the general WHO risk assessment and mitigation checklist, to enable event organizers to determine a more accurate overall risk score. Risk Assessments help identify areas for Rodeo Committees to further develop plans to provide a safe environment for rodeo.

The questions below enable event organizers to review the additional considerations specific to events involving mass gatherings, and thus inform their risk assessment of COVID-19 associated with the event. This will help organizers to understand and manage any additional risk from COVID-19.

The risk assessment should be reviewed and reassessed regularly during the planning phase and updated immediately prior to the transition to the operational phase.

The person completing the questionnaire should include input from the local public health authorities, consult WHO's latest technical guidance and ensure that there is an up-to-date evaluation of the epidemiological situation.

[Click here to complete the WHO Risk Assessment Spreadsheet \(Excel Document\) to evaluate readiness and identify areas of improvement.](#)





COVID-19 WAIVER

Revised 5/17/2020

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK, INDEMNITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AND VOLUNTARY CONSENT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT (hereinafter, "Agreement") MUST BE CAREFULLY READ AND SIGNED IN CONSIDERATION OF my ability to participate, provide services for, conduct, prepare for or participate in any rodeo or affiliated activities leading up or related to, or otherwise attend or be present at the 2020 PRCA Sanctioned events (hereinafter, the "Events") (and hereinafter, collectively, the "Activities"). The undersigned, on behalf of himself/herself, his/her personal representative, heirs, and next of kin (hereinafter collectively, the "UNDERSIGNED") hereby:

1. **EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK:** UNDERSIGNED hereby acknowledges and understands that the World Health Organization has declared COVID-19 a worldwide pandemic. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and spreads mainly from person-to-person contact. Based on currently available information and clinical expertise, older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions may have a higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. There have been recommended guidelines and preventative measures put in place to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, it CANNOT GUARANTEE that UNDERSIGNED will not become exposed to or infected with COVID-19, despite reasonable efforts to mitigate such dangers. Furthermore, the Activities could increase UNDERSIGNED's risk of contracting COVID-19. By signing this Agreement, UNDERSIGNED acknowledges the extremely contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assumes the risk that UNDERSIGNED may be exposed to or infected with COVID-19 from the Activities, and that such exposure or infection may involve the RISK OF SERIOUS INJURY, ILLNESS, PERMANENT DISABILITY AND/OR DEATH. UNDERSIGNED understands that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected with COVID-19 by UNDERSIGNED's participation in the Activities may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of others and/or UNDERSIGNED, including, but not limited to, the RELEASEES (as defined below). UNDERSIGNED hereby expressly assumes all such risks and dangers whether presently known or unknown.
2. **WAIVER AND RELEASE:** UNDERSIGNED hereby **RELEASES, WAIVES, AND FOREVER DISCHARGES**, the PRCA and WPRA (and its parents, affiliates and subsidiaries) or any subdivision thereof, any promoter, participant, rodeo association, rodeo grounds operator, arena owner, officials, sponsors, advertisers (in each case associated in any way with any of the Events), owners and lessees of the premises used to conduct the Event(s), insurers, underwriters, consultants and others who give recommendations, directions or instructions or engage in risk evaluation or loss control activities regarding the Event(s), and each of their respective parents, subsidiaries, affiliated corporations and entities, shareholders, officers, directors, managing agents, employees, independent contractors, members, agents, and all other persons or entities participating or involved in the Events (hereinafter collectively, the "RELEASEES"), from any and all actions, causes of action, claims, suits, debts, dues, sums of money, bonds, bills, balances, losses, costs, expenses, damages, covenants, agreements, commitments, undertakings, promises, liabilities, obligations, lawsuits, judgments, orders and demands whatsoever, in law, at equity or otherwise, of whatever kind or nature, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, asserted, accrued, unaccrued, actual, contingent, or otherwise, direct or indirect and whether or not concealed or hidden arising out of, on account of or relating to any INJURY TO OR RESULTING IN DEATH (including but not limited to INJURY TO OR RESULTING IN DEATH FROM COVID-19) of the UNDERSIGNED arising out of or related to any of the UNDERSIGNED's Activities (hereinafter, the "RELEASED CLAIMS"). The UNDERSIGNED covenants that the UNDERSIGNED shall not directly or indirectly, bring, commence, institute, maintain, prosecute, aid or fund in any way any action of any kind or otherwise assert against any of the RELEASEES anywhere in the world any Released Claim.
3. **INDEMNITY AND HOLD HARMLESS:** UNDERSIGNED hereby agrees to DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the RELEASEES from losses, liabilities, obligations, claims, damages, settlements, injunctions, suits, actions, proceedings, demands, charges, fines, penalties, costs and expenses of every kind and nature, including reasonable fees, expenses and disbursements of attorneys, accountants and other professionals imposed upon, asserted against or incurred by any RELEASEE in connection with, arising out of or relating to (i) any Released Claim or (ii) the UNDERSIGNED's Activities, in each of (i) and (ii), whether caused by the ordinary negligence of the RELEASEES or otherwise and including and/or arising out of UNDERSIGNED's improper and/or tortious conduct in connection therewith.
4. **INFORMED CONSENT AND VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION:** UNDERSIGNED fully acknowledges and understands that COVID-19 is extremely contagious. UNDERSIGNED has taken it upon himself or herself to be fully informed of the numerous risks and potential dangers associated with COVID-19, including SUFFERING SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH. UNDERSIGNED acknowledges that he or she has been informed that his or her PERSONAL SAFETY CANNOT BE GUARANTEED. UNDERSIGNED acknowledges that his or her participation in the Activities are completely voluntary, and he or she believes that the potential benefits of participation and/or services provided outweigh the risk and danger associated with COVID-19. For more information please see the Center For Disease Control's site at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>.
5. UNDERSIGNED acknowledges that it is his or her responsibility to do all of the following: (1) exercise caution and follow any CDC or OSHA issued protocols (including without limitation those guidelines specifically referenced by the PRCA to protect the health of the UNDERSIGNED); (2) inform employer of any Activities which the UNDERSIGNED does not feel comfortable performing; (3) cease any activity and promptly report any physical discomfort, illness or complications while participating in any Activity; and (4) clear his or her participation of any Activity with his or her personal physician. UNDERSIGNED also agrees, represents and warrants that he or



she will not participate in any Activity if he or she (i) experiences symptoms of COVID-19, including, without limitation, fever, cough or shortness of breath, or (ii) has a suspected or diagnosed/confirmed case of COVID-19.

6. UNDERSIGNED acknowledges that THIS AGREEMENT IS INTENDED TO BE FULLY SEVERABLE, and that if any portion of this Agreement is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance the Agreement shall continue in full legal force and effect. That shall include modifying the Agreement to allow the remainder of claims to be waived, released, and indemnified against in the event that the inclusion of any particular type of claim is found to be invalid or contrary to public policy. This Agreement is to be interpreted and enforced under the laws of the Colorado.
7. UNDERSIGNED hereby accepted all terms set forth herein and acknowledges this is the complete agreement between the parties regarding these issues, and UNDERSIGNED agrees and acknowledges that NO ORAL REPRESENTATIONS, STATEMENTS OR INDUCEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE APART FROM THIS AGREEMENT. UNDERSIGNED HAS COMPLETELY READ BOTH PAGES OF THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTANDS ITS TERMS, AND UNDERSTANDS THAT THIS IS AN IMPORTANT LEGAL DOCUMENT AFFECTING SUBSTANTIAL LEGAL RIGHTS. UNDERSIGNED SIGNS THIS DOCUMENT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT, ASSURANCE, OR GUARANTEE BEING MADE TO HIM OR HER AND UNDERSIGNED INTENDS HIS OR HER SIGNATURE TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW. UNDERSIGNED was given ample opportunity to read the Agreement and/or have it reviewed by legal counsel of his or her choice. UNDERSIGNED was also offered a copy of this Agreement.

NAME (PRINT)

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

SIGNATURE

DATED: _____





PRCA COVID-19 HIPAA WAIVER

FOR THE USE AND DISCLOSURE OF HEALTH INFORMATION. Revised 5/17/2020

Name: _____

Telephone _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip: _____

This Authorization Form describes different uses and disclosures of health information, including as protected under applicable state and provincial law and also “protected health information” as defined by the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (“HIPAA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder. Unless otherwise revoked by me in writing, this Authorization expires on December 31, 2020 (“Expiration Date”).

I hereby authorize the following uses and disclosures of my Health Information, as defined below, and as permitted or required by law:

A. General. I specifically authorize and direct any physician, healthcare provider, hospital or other healthcare facility who provided or is providing assessment, diagnosis, care, treatment or services to me prior to execution of this Authorization and/or any time after execution of this Authorization up to the Expiration Date, including their agents, employees and medical staff (collectively “Health Care Provider”) to release my “Health Information” (as defined below) to (1) the Rodeo Committee Medical designee (collectively “Rodeo Committee Medical Services Team”); and/or (2) PRCA and WPRA, their affiliates, agents, employees and consultants (collectively “PRCA/WPRA”) about me regarding assessment, diagnosis, care or treatment of COVID-19 (including, but not limited to negative/positive diagnosis, testing, test results, status and treatment), if applicable. *“Health Information” is defined as: the full and complete medical record; notes; reports; data; test results; documents related to examination or treatment for COVID-19; assessments; diagnoses; prognoses; medications and prescriptions; healthcare providers and facilities who previously provided treatment to me, and that it may include information and records protected under applicable state and provincial law and federal law.*

B. Discussion Permitted. I specifically authorize and direct any Health Care Provider to discuss, clarify or explain my Health Information with the Rodeo Committee Medical Services Team upon their request, for the purposes of safety, quality assurance/quality improvement, and/or for my assessment, treatment or care.

C. Disclosure by Medical Liaison for Certain Purposes. I authorize the Rodeo Committee Medical Services Team to use and disclose my Health Information in their possession to the following: (1) physicians, health care providers, hospitals, state and local health departments, and other health care facilities or medical providers for purposes of my assessment, care and treatment; and/or (2) PRCA/WPRA, and outside experts, physicians or consultants retained by any of them, for purposes of safety and quality assurance/improvement and making assessments and recommendations related to quality or safety. I understand the Rodeo Committee Medical Services Team coordinators and consulting physicians are not direct treatment providers; they are present at the rodeo grounds to facilitate the sharing of information.

I understand that I have the right to revoke this Authorization in writing at any time by notifying, as applicable, the disclosing Health Care Provider and/or Rodeo Committee Medical Services Team. I understand that the revocation is only effective after it is received.

I understand that any use or disclosure made prior to the revocation in reliance on this Authorization will not be affected by a subsequently received revocation.



I understand that once Health Information is disclosed pursuant to this Authorization, it may be re-disclosed by the recipient, and federal or applicable state and provincial law might not protect it. I understand a health care provider, hospital or health facility may not condition my treatment on whether this Authorization is signed. I understand that PRCA/WPRA rules and policies will govern whether I may participate in any PRCA-sanctioned event if I choose to revoke this Authorization.

I have read this Authorization, I understand what it says, and any questions of mine have been answered to my satisfaction. I understand that I am entitled to receive a copy of this Authorization, and I allow a photocopy to be deemed valid as a signed original.

Signature: _____

Date: _____





SECONDARY HEALTH SCREENING

PRCA MEMBER COMPLETE

Name _____ Date _____

Rodeo _____

Event(s) (Circle) BB SB BR SW TD TR GB SR BK

SCREENING PERSONNEL

Temperature _____

Have you received a lab confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19?

YES NO IF YES, WHEN? _____

Have you been within 6 feet of a person for at least 5 minutes with a lab confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?

YES NO IF YES, WHEN? _____

Are you experiencing any of the following?

Do you reside with anyone experiencing any of the following?

- | | | |
|-------|---|-------|
| _____ | Fever in past 3 days | _____ |
| _____ | Cough | _____ |
| _____ | Sore Throat | _____ |
| _____ | Chills | _____ |
| _____ | Repeated Shaking/Chills | _____ |
| _____ | Runny nose or nasal congestion | _____ |
| _____ | Shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, wheezing | _____ |
| _____ | Headache | _____ |
| _____ | Muscle pain/body aches | _____ |
| _____ | Fatigue | _____ |
| _____ | Diarrhea | _____ |
| _____ | New loss of taste or smell | _____ |
| _____ | NONE OF THE ABOVE | _____ |

Secondary Screen by medical personnel required if temperature above 100.3 or greater or if any positive answers to questions above.





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