

Montana Range Days Covid 19 Contingency Plan for 2021

To host Montana Range Days in a safe and feasible manner during the current Covid 19 pandemic, Montana Range Days will be implementing the Governor's Order 2-2021, which states that public gatherings should be managed in a way that accommodates the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) social distancing guidelines. Current CDC guidelines for public gatherings include:

- Maintaining 6-foot distance (about 2 arm lengths) from people who are not from your household, both indoors and outdoors
- Wearing masks
- Washing hands frequently

Montana Range Days Covid 19 guidelines are subject to change in compliance with new direction from the State of Montana and CDC.

Based on the CDC guidelines several steps will be taken at Montana Range Days to keep the event safe for everyone and avoid the situation of "close contacts" and the need for contact tracing should someone become ill or test positive during or shortly after the event.

Event Basics

- 1) Hand washing stations should be available at all event locations (workshops, tours, meals, awards, etc.)
- 2) When indoors, masks and 6-foot spacing should be maintained.
- 3) When outdoors, masks are not required if 6-foot spacing can be maintained.
- 4) All mics or megaphones should be sanitized between speakers.
- 5) Hold all events outdoors or in indoor spaces with increased airflow (opening doors or windows), such as registration, food pick up, eating, workshops, awards, etc.

Transportation

Buses utilized for transportation purposes during the Montana Range Days event will follow the Beaverhead County High School sports social distancing practices:

- 1) All passengers must wear masks unless health reasons prevent them from doing so.
- 2) 6-foot spacing should be maintained on the bus wherever possible, such as one person per seat and leaving an empty row of seats between passengers. Exceptions would include family groups, which can be seated together.
- 3) Open alternating windows to keep air exchanging, when feasible.
- 4) Additional buses will be available this year to accommodate social distancing.

Meals

Grab and go breakfasts and lunches reduce contact between people and encourages people to not congregate at tables while eating. However, cafeteria style food distribution is allowed if social distancing practices can be followed. Safe practices for meals include:

Grab and Go

- 1) All food handlers must be gloved and masked.

- 2) Meal bags should be spaced out on retrieving tables to allow participants to maintain distance from one another.
- 3) Grab and Go Tables could be placed outside if weather permits, or open beef barn doors to maintain air flow.
- 4) Arrange seating/straw bales in an outside area with at least 6-foot spacing between them (no tables needed*)

Outdoor Cafeteria Style (Wool Growers Lunch and Wednesday Lunch)

- 1) All cooks and servers must be gloved and masked.
- 2) Items in the food line should be appropriately spaced to keep food servers and participants safe.
- 3) Arrange strawbales outside with at least 6-foot spacing between them (no tables needed*)

*a few tables may be needed for those people with physical needs that require such (to be determined)

Transitions

We realize Montana Range Days is an opportunity to socialize with friends and contacts from around the state. We ask that both during the event and after hours that you do so in a Covid-safe manner, following all social distancing measures discussed above. Do not share transportation with individuals outside of your family, avoid congregating, and always maintain 6 feet social distancing.

Thank you for your commitment to putting on a safe Montana Range Days in 2021.