



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

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TO: All Fairground CEO's and Board Members

SUBJECT: Guidance for Non-Essential Events during COVID-19

The Fairs & Expositions Branch has received several requests from fair managers seeking approval to host non-essential events at DAA fairgrounds. If you plan to have or host a non-essential event you must obtain approval from your local authorities prior to the event. Local authorities usually reference local public health and/or law enforcement; however, you'll need to check with your local county/city. No additional state approval is needed at this time.

Some examples of non-essential events we have received for approval are motorized racing, certified farmers' markets, drive-thru graduations, and drive-in movies. In addition, the DAAs will need to abide by guidelines such as physical distancing protocols, face coverings, and any other current guidance from the state or county during events.

Please note fairgrounds were included in the Governor's Emergency Declaration and can be utilized at any time as needed for emergency state operations. There have been no modifications to the current mass gathering guidance.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Francesconi at (916) 900-5365 or at mike.francesconi@cdfa.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Branch Chief

