



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

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TO: All Fairground CEOs and Directors

SUBJECT: **Guidance for Safely Conducting Fairs & Livestock Events**

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is currently drafting guidance for District Agriculture Associations, County Fairs and Non-Profit Fairs, to support a safe, clean environment for workers and attendees of events (Guidance). This guidance is expected to be released in early April of this year. Application to your fair is based on the County Risk Level documented in the Guidance.

Once the Guidance is released, the fairs must work with local health authorities on a site-plan for hosting a fair or livestock event. If you have been working on a site-plan to host a fair or livestock event relying on other industry guidance, please work with your local health authorities on the best course of action. Please note that local health departments can have more restrictive criteria and different closures. For the most updated information on county status, visit [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#).

Please be mindful before entering into any contracts for the production of your fair or livestock event that the CDPH Guidance and locally approved site plan must be incorporated into the contract terms and conditions. If you have already entered into contracts for your event, you may either amend the contract consistent with the CDPH Guidance by a written addendum agreed to by both parties, or terminate the contract pursuant to its termination clause.

Sincerely,

Michael Francesconi, Interim Branch Chief  
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