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## **CAJUN HEARTLAND STATE FAIR SFM & LDH REQUEST FOR EVENT APPROVAL**

The Cajun Heartland State Fair is an annual event produced by the CAJUNDOME and held on the grounds of the CAJUNDOME & Convention Center. We are seeking approval at this time to proceed in the planning and execution of the 2021 State Fair to be held on the dates of May 27, 2021, through June 6, 2021. The CHSF, along with our new ride operator, Gold Star Amusements, plan to meet and/or exceed the current guidelines in regard to guest safety and cleanliness.

Based on the current Revised Phase 2 Open Safely Guidelines, the CAJUN HEARTLAND STATE FAIR will operate under stated guidelines as follows:

- Outdoor events, venues, fairs, festivals, carnivals, etc. shall be limited to controlled, fenced in settings only. General admission events where capacity and crowd control cannot be maintained will not be considered.
  - The grounds of the CAJUNDOME are fenced in with a combination of permanent fencing and 8 ft. temporary fencing set up specifically for the Cajun Heartland State Fair. The CHSF also utilizes electronic ticketing for admission into the CHSF via Ticketmaster so daily admission and capacity is tracked.
- Food service areas, if provided, shall comply with the Phase 3 guidelines for Restaurants, Cafes and Coffee Shops. Document compliance with the seating arrangements and additional guidance provided in those guidelines with your request. Food should be consumed in designated areas so that face coverings may consistently be worn throughout all other areas of the venue.
  - Please review attached map for designated outdoor food court areas where guests can purchase food items and consume within the designated areas. The CHSF will abide by the Phase 3 guidelines for restaurants in operating and maintaining these areas. Seating will be provided and cleaned and sanitized by dedicated staff throughout the day.
- Any alcohol sold and consumed shall be limited to a single area, or Beer Garden, that shall be clearly marked and comply with the Phase 3 guidelines for alcohol sales at Sports Events. The seating area shall be limited to the Beer Garden area. Document compliance with the seating arrangements and additional guidance provide in the Sports and Athletic Events guidelines with your request.
  - As long as Lafayette remains under the 5% positivity rate, we plan to utilize a beer garden set-up with seating areas dedicated for consumption as noted in the attached event map. The CHSF will also utilize its Table Room venue and follow current venue guidelines regarding capacity, seating and sanitization requirements.
  - The Table Room will be utilized as an additional food & beverage Concession outlet throughout the Fair. Budget permitting, small acoustic acts or comedy



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- shows may take place in the evening. The Table Room will follow the posted Phase 3 guidelines for restaurants including guidelines for live entertainment.
- Routine cleaning and sanitization will be scheduled daily for Table Room restroom facilities and high touch point areas.
  - Any area where attendees may form a line, such as entry ticketing, concessions/food, shows or other attractions must be clearly marked with 6 foot or greater distancing floor/ground markings. Adherence to 6 foot or greater distancing at any line-forming areas must be strictly enforced by event staff, and a plan for such enforcement must be included in the submitted reopening plan.
    - The CAJUNDOME has utilized 6 foot or greater distancing floor/ground markings for various permitted events and will extend placement of these markings throughout the fair grounds, including at the ticketing & admission gate, at restroom and food service locations, and while guests are waiting in line for amusement rides. Adherence to 6 foot or greater distancing at any line-forming areas will be strictly enforced by designated event staff placed in designated areas throughout the fairgrounds. Guests who choose not to cooperate with stated guidelines will be removed from the event by event security.
  - Use of face coverings must be strictly enforced at all times while on premises. This pertains to indoor venues as well as outdoor fairs and festivals. Signage promoting proper face covering usage must be displayed throughout the venue.
    - The CAJUNDOME currently has signage posted throughout its venues and will extend that coverage throughout the fair grounds with signage and event staff to enforce the mask policy. Guests will be instructed that they can only remove face coverings when actively eating or drinking in designated food court or beer garden areas.
    - In addition to guests, all participating vendors and staff (including CAJUNDOME staff and fair ride & operations staff) will be required to wear a face covering at all times during the operation of the event.
  - Cashless or touchless transactions should be encouraged.
    - The CHSF utilizes online ordering via Ticketmaster for the purchase of admission tickets and ride wristbands. Any physical ride tickets purchased are single use tickets and not reused by future guests. Cashless and touchless payment options will be encouraged at food and beverage stations.
  - Any ride or similar amusement must be sanitized between each group of riders/users.
    - Gold Star Amusement staff pick-up a hand sanitizer dispenser for their work area daily and return it daily.
    - At the beginning of the day, ride operators wipe down all high touch surfaces while doing their daily inspections in addition to wiping down high touch areas with sanitization wipes throughout the day.
    - Designated members of the amusement staff are part of a sanitization team that complete routine sanitization of the rides from open to close.



- Ride operators will be responsible for fogging or wiping down high touch point areas in between groups of riders/users.
  - Prior to opening for the week, all rides are sprayed down with a fogger using KOC-8 sanitizer.
  - Daily sanitization wipes consist of Efferson Disinfectant Sanitizer.
  - Self-serve hand sanitizer dispensers are located at the entry/exit of amusement rides for guest use.
- Hand washing/sanitizing stations must be provided throughout the venue.
- Guests can utilize permanent hand washing stations inside CAJUNDOME and Convention Center restroom facilities in addition to hand washing/sanitizing stations located throughout the fair grounds and near food & beverage stations.
- The event must cease operation at 11:00 p.m. and all attendees are required to depart from the venue.
- The CHSF admission gate closes to new admissions one hour prior to event end, which is 10PM on weeknights and 11PM on weekends so the current CHSF operations are in compliance with this guideline.

Date	Gate Opens	Gate Closes	Event Ends
Thursday, May 27	5 PM	9 PM	10 PM
Friday, May 28	5 PM	10 PM	11 PM
Saturday, May 29	12 PM	10 PM	11 PM
Sunday, May 30	12 PM	9 PM	10 PM
Monday, May 31	2 PM	9 PM	10 PM
Tuesday, June 1	5 PM	9 PM	10 PM
Wednesday, June 2	5 PM	9 PM	10 PM
Thursday, June 3	5 PM	9 PM	10 PM
Friday, June 4	5 PM	10 PM	11 PM
Saturday, June 5	12 PM	10 PM	11 PM
Sunday, June 6	12 PM	8 PM	9 PM

- Confined common use spaces such as jump houses, ball pits, and similar spaces where distancing between individuals and small groups is not practical, or where surfaces that



are subject to frequent touching cannot be regularly sanitized, shall remain closed during this Phase 3 period.

- Any amusement rides that fall under this category will not be included in the set-up.
- Outdoor events and venues, such as amusement parks, theme parks, sports parks, fairs, festivals, and carnivals shall be limited to the stricter of the following: § No more than 150 persons in any single outdoor where individuals who are not immediate household members are unable to maintain strict social distancing of six feet from others.
  - Based on the square footage of the CAJUNDOME grounds, strict social distancing can be maintained between household groups.
- One person per 60 square feet of net usable area within the fenced-in or contained area.
  - Equates to  $754,020 \text{ Sq ft} / 60 = 12,567$  guests
  - According to 2019 admission data, weekday daily attendance averaged around 1,500 guests, while weekend daily admission ranged from 4,500 – 6,000.

#### **Amusement rides:**

- Open-air ride seating arrangements shall allow for 6-feet of separation between non-related groups. Enclosed rides shall limit occupancy only to related small groups of 6 persons maximum. Allow a minimum of 20 feet between rides, attractions, and game set-ups to allow for circulation.
  - These requirements will be reflected in the proposed event layout map.
- When loading and unloading children/patrons and securing seatbelts, the ride operator will do so in accordance with the rides' manual, but with limited touching of the patrons.
  - Gold Star Amusements agrees to limit touching of ride patrons.
- Strongly encouraged to assess customers for signs and symptoms of COVID-19, including fever and respiratory symptoms.
  - Guests will be assessed at entry and reminded not to enter if they are experiencing any COVID-related symptoms.
- Signage to be placed at entrance to reflect symptom check
  - CAJUNDOME signage will be extended to the fair grounds and at the entry gate.
- A minimum of one crowd manager shall be provided for every 50 attendees. Crowd managers shall be properly trained to control social distancing, enforce mask wearing (excluding while in water), and in evacuation procedures. Actively enforce the capacity, masking and social distancing requirements and manage the attendees' movements.
  - The CAJUNDOME will be staffed appropriately to actively enforce the capacity, masking and social distancing requirements and manage the attendees' movements
- Ensure the exterior waiting areas are not blocked.
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- Maintain social distancing requirements explained in this document.
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- Wherever practical, implement a reservation system, whereby patrons may sign-up to access the facility during a prearranged time-slot. Schedule cleaning breaks between time-slots.
    - The CAJUNDOME will monitor daily admission and sell daily ride wristbands at limited capacity to limit the capacity of riders on peak attendance days.
  - Petting Zoo
    - The petting zoo is owned and operated by Show Me Safari Petting Zoo of East Prairie, MO. The zoo is set-up under an open air tent (no walls) with a one-way walk-way through the tent. The animals are each in their own stalls behind a gate so patrons are not physically in the same pit with the animals. Patrons can purchase feed to pass through the gate to some of the animals and hand sanitizer dispensers are located throughout the tent and at the entry/exit. Since there is one entrance into the tent, household groups will be spaced out at entry and capacity under the tent monitored to avoid overcrowding.

### **Cleaning & Sanitization**

- The CAJUNDOME will follow all CDC guidance for cleaning purposes and product usage: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html>
- Restrooms facilities and high touch point areas throughout the CHSF will be serviced daily under routine cleaning and disinfectant schedules by designated staff members who are assigned specifically to continuously service these facilities.

### **Employee Health Screenings & Mask Mandates**

- One to three days prior to the start of the CHSF, CAJUNDOME staff will submit to a COVID-19 antibody rapid detection test. Any staff that have received the COVID-19 vaccine and are not displaying any COVID-related symptoms may be exempt from testing.
- Prior to starting their shift, event staff will be assessed a verbal questionnaire regarding any recent symptoms experienced such as the following:
  - In the last 14 days have you traveled outside your normal, daily routine? YES NO
  - Do you have new or worsening onset of any of the following symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath, runny nose, sore throat, chills, body aches, fatigue, headache, loss of taste/smell, eye drainage, congestion? YES NO
  - Have you been exposed to someone being tested for COVID-19 or who has symptoms compatible with COVID-19? YES NO
  - Are any members of your household or close contact on quarantine for exposure to COVID-19? YES NO
- Event staff will then undergo thermal temperature scans before reporting to their assigned duties.
- CAJUNDOME employees involved in building services, set-up/clean-up crews, and security (uniform & t-shirt security) must wear a face mask at all times. These employees will be given an **MM005 Disposable Face Mask at arrival or they may use a personal face mask**. A new mask can be obtained in a designated location should they



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need to replace their mask due to damage, etc., at any time. These employees will also be provided disposable gloves that can be replenished as needed.

- CAJUNDOME employees involved in patron and building services, such as ticket scanners, matrons and porters, and in-event cleaning crews, must wear a face mask at all times and will be provided a **MM005 Disposable Face Mask at arrival if they do not have their own. Employees may bring a personal face mask to wear instead.** A new mask can be obtained in a designated location should they need to replace their mask due to damage, etc., at any time. These employees will also receive, a **NelDerm 8 x 10" Anti-fog Face Shield** with elastic headband in addition to disposable gloves that can be replenished as needed.
- Any CAJUNDOME employees present that do not fall under the above mentioned departments, i.e., administrative and front office staff, must wear, at minimum, face masks at all times while on CAJUNDOME property. They will be provided a **MM005 Disposable Face Mask or they can wear a personal mask.**
- EMS staff will follow their usual protocol for PPE. Must wear, at minimum, a surgical face mask at all times. When providing direct patient care, EMS must wear PPE as per their usual protocol.
- The NelDerm 8 x 10" Anti-fog Face Shield will also be available to those employees who request it.
- Any staff or event personnel with an IgM+ test result (indicates an acute or recent infection) or temperature of 100.4 or above will be dismissed.
- All high-touch points near Convention Center entrances and restroom areas will be properly cleaned and disinfected daily and throughout the day at routine times.
- Fair patrons can refer to the CAJUNDOME website for a list of rules and proper social distancing guidelines they should plan to follow while attending the event.
- All guests and participants will be required to wear a mask upon entry to any indoor facilities, i.e., the CAJUNDOME, Convention Center, Table Room, Restroom Facilities, etc. If a guest does not arrive with their own mask, no entry permitted.
- Any contracted vendors will be subject to the daily verbal questionnaire and any vendor showing signs of COVID-19 illness will not be allowed to continue their participation at the CHSF without submitting a negative COVID-19 test result. All vendors, including their staff, will be required to wear a face mask during the operating times of the CHSF.