



# COVID-19 Guidance for Livestock Auctions

## The Secretary of Health issued a directive closing all large indoor entertainment venues, would livestock auctions be included?

The Secretary of Health's March 20, 2020, Directive focuses on large indoor entertainment venues and recommendations to avoid gatherings of more than 10 people. Livestock Auctions are agriculture marketing venues and are not considered an indoor entertainment venue. Livestock Auctions play a key role in maintaining the food supply and should continue to provide a method for livestock to be marketed.

## What steps can Livestock Auctions take to limit transmission of COVID-19?

ADH recommends implementing the following practices:

- Implement online bidding if available
- Consigners and buyers should remain in their vehicle during the unloading/loading process
- Provide hand sanitizer in the sale ring seating area
- Consigner checks should be mailed vs. picked up in person
- Restrict the sale to buyers and sellers only
- Implement social distancing practices in the sale ring seating area. Persons should not be seated within 6 feet of each other
- Restrict sit down dining in the café or lobby. Food may be consumed in the sale ring seating area

## Additional Resources:

### Arkansas Department of Health COVID-19 website:

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/novel-coronavirus>

### United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention COVID-19 website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html>



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