2021 KMOT Ag Expo Preparedness and Safety Plan

An effective COVID-19 Preparedness and Safety Plan is essential for people to safely congregate at the 2021 KMOT Ag Expo during the pandemic. This checklist is intended to help event coordinators and planners develop an effective plan which follows North Dakota Smart Restart protocols and public health safety guidance. This Plan will be submitted to the First District Health Unit’s Director of Environmental Health, Lisa Westman. In addition, the Plan will be submitted to any local planning and zoning boards as requested.

The 2021 KMOT Ag Expo is scheduled to be held March 3rd, 4th and 5th. This event will be held within multiple buildings occupying 250,000 square feet, located at the North Dakota State Fairgrounds in Ward County, North Dakota.

Event Coordinator(s) names and contact information, use this contact information, as per the Large Event COVID-19 Checklist document, prior to, during and after the event:

KMOT Station Manager and Show Coordinator, Todd Telin  701-720-2166
KFYR, KMOT, KUMV, KQCD, General Manager & V.P. Barry Schumaier 701-391-4829

Providing information:

☐ Safety Plan will be emailed to all exhibitors prior to the 2021 show.
☐ Safety Plan will be posted to the KMOT Ag Expo Facebook page.
☐ Safety Plan will be posted to yournewsleader.com website.
☐ Safety Plan pertaining to the public and exhibitors will be detailed on signage leading into each entrance.

Occupancy:

☐ In compliance with the ND Smart Restart Large Gathering Tiered Capacity Document, the Ag Expo will be in Tier 1, Green/Low Risk Level, as of January 28, 2021. This provides for a maximum of 75% of capacity, or 7,500 people, whichever is fewer (see attached pdf, Large Gathering Tiered Capacity Document). The KMOT Ag Expo, due to multiple buildings, three-day event and spacing of attendees will be well below these limits.
**Distancing:**

- All exhibitors will in booths, 10”X10”. This creates a natural distance of six feet or greater.
- The ND State Fair staff, will as usual, install curtains between all exhibitors’ booths, creating additional safety barriers.
- Concessions and beverages, M&S Concessions will be complying by all Ward County COVID-19 mandates and safety guidelines.
- KMOT TV has no contractual agreement with M&S Concessions, they contract solely with the ND State Fairgrounds.
- KMOT will provide staff to enforce appropriate physical distancing within all rented space, and the prevention of choke points and gatherings.

**Sanitization:**

- ND State Fair facility has hand sanitization stations in place throughout all buildings and hallways rented by KMOT.
- All arenas, hallways, bathrooms, offices, door handles, high touch items, rented by KMOT will be fogged each night after that day’s show. Service provided by the ND State Fairgrounds.
- The KMOT Ag Expo office will comply by all Gray guidelines of sanitization, mask wearing and cleanliness.

**Face coverings:**

- KMOT Ag Expo staff will use face coverings, at all times, during the 2021 event.
- KMOT will have an adequate supply of face coverings to distribute to attendees at all entrances during each day of the three-day event.
- KMOT will provide staff to encourage appropriate compliance of face coverings.
- KMOT Ag Expo will comply with current Department of Health and First District Health Unit face covering protocol.
- All communication prior to the event, and with signage entering the event will strongly encourage the use of proper face coverings/masks, for all attendees. KMOT will strongly encourage this, but not physically enforce this at each entrance due to the current state of North Dakota, Ward County and Minot risk levels, and lack of mask mandates. This is subject to change at any date prior to the event to be held March 3, 4 & 5th.