



# SAMPSON COUNTY EXPOSITION CENTER PUBLIC NOTICE #15

# DATE: 23 March 2021

On March 23, 2021, Governor Roy Cooper issued Executive Order (EO) 204, lifting the State's Modified Stay At Home Order and easing the COVID-19 restrictions placed on businesses and gatherings. In light of EO 204's new gathering limits, which go into effect at 5:00 p.m. on March 26, 2021, Sampson County Administration has authorized the Sampson County Exposition Center to operate as provided herein, effective 5:01 pm, Friday, March 26, 2021, continuing through April 30, 2021, or until such time that changes may be made by the Governor.

Sampson County has and will continue to take precautions that, while they may be inconvenient, are intended to promote the health and safety of the County's residents and employees and are based on guidance and direction from federal, state, and local health officials. County officials will continue to closely monitor public health developments, and the County reserves the right to modify or revoke this policy without prior notice in the event that County officials determine that such a course of action is warranted based upon factors such as new COVID-19 case numbers, hospitalizations, deaths, and positivity rates. Sampson County Exposition Center staff will update and advise clients as well as the general public regarding any such developments.

Failure to comply with these restrictions will be grounds for event cancellation, security deposit forfeiture, removal from the facility, and any other remedies available to the County under a client's lease agreement or applicable law.

The Sampson County Exposition Center will only open for public events that are scheduled in accordance with these restrictions. The Exposition Center's Administrative Offices are open daily from 8 am to 5 pm; however, visitors are not allowed inside the building without an appointment. The public may contact Exposition Center staff by calling 910-592-6451, or by email at info@sampsonexpocenter.com. Please note that office hours are subject to change depending on impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We thank you for your continued patience and understanding. For more information, contact the Sampson County Exposition Center at (910) 592.6451.

#### Sampson County Exposition Center Reopening Guidelines Effective: 5:01 pm, March 26, 2021

Sampson County Exposition Center will remain open for the following types of events:

- Meetings (See below for additional requirements)
- Dance Recitals (See below for additional requirements)
- Live Performances (See below for additional requirements)

The following type events will not be allowed:

- Banquets
- Events with Alcoholic Beverage Service
- Family Reunions
- Parties/Dances
- Trade Shows

- Weddings/Wedding Receptions
- Other events that, in the judgment of County Administration, pose a heightened risk of COVID-19 transmission

#### MEETINGS

**Face Coverings:** All workers and guests must wear face coverings when they are or may be within the facility. When outdoors, workers and guests must wear face coverings when they are within six (6) feet of someone who does not reside in the same household.

**Must be Seated:** All meetings must be SEATED in a manner to limit the degree to which guests at the facility may come into contact with one another and spread COVID-19. Guests must be in seats except to enter, leave, use amenities, visit the restroom, and obtain food or drink. (All food and drink must be prepackaged for individual pick up by guests at a serving location that provides for observance of social distancing.)

#### Capacity Restrictions\*:

Prestage Hall: (up to 550 guests, provided 6' social distancing can be achieved.) Prestage Hall Salon A: (up to 275 guests, provided 6' social distancing can be achieved.)

Prestage Hall Salon B: (up to 275 guests, provided 6' social distancing can be achieved.)

Heritage Hall: (up to 30 guests, provided 6' social distancing can be achieved.) Heritage Hall Salon A: (up to 150 guests, provided 6' social distancing can be achieved.)

Expo Room: (up to 14 guests, provided 6' social distancing can be achieved.) Bennett-Allen Board Room: (up to 8 guests, provided 6' social distancing can be achieved.)

\* (Actual number of Guests will be predicated by actual floor plans based on 6' social distancing of Guests. Workers, entertainers, and support staff do not count towards the capacity limits.

#### Other Requirements:

- It will be the responsibility of the client to follow all required screening including taking the temperature of all guests, workers, entertainers, and support staff.
- It will be the responsibility of the Client to observe and enforce the 6' social distancing of all guests, workers, entertainers, performers and support staff.
- It will be the responsibility of the Client to observe and enforce the wearing of masks by all guests, workers, entertainers, and support staff.
- It will be the responsibility of the Client to limit the number of persons entering any restroom in a manner that observes 6' social distancing of all Guests, workers, entertainers, and support staff.

# Dance Recitals/Live Performances

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**Must be Seated:** All guests must be SEATED in a manner to limit the degree to which guests at the facility may come into contact with one another and spread COVID-19. Guests must be in seats except to enter, leave, use amenities, visit the restroom, and obtain food or drink. (No food and drink allowed.)

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The Sampson County Exposition Center will provide alcohol-based hand sanitizer stations at the entrance and other areas throughout the premises as needed. In addition, signage as required will be posted.

The Sampson County Exposition Center is designated as a Mass Vaccination Site by Sampson County and the Sampson County Health Department. The use of the Sampson County Exposition Center as a Mass Vaccination Site will take precedence over all other functions or events. All events are subject to cancellation with little or no advance notice in the event that an event conflicts with use of the facility for mass vaccination.