

2020 Pierce County Fair Cancellation – Frequently Asked Questions. (07/01/2020)

- **Why did the Fair cancel?**
 - The Pierce County Board of Supervisors assessed the risk to our exhibitors and their families, fair stakeholders, and the general public as well as the uncertainty of social gatherings and financial implications and has determined that we are unable to host the 2020 Pierce County Fair open to the public.
- **Why was the Fair cancelled so early?**
 - Many decisions regarding events at the fair need to be made months in advance thus requiring us to make the decision to cancel the fair based on the current situation and not on how we hope things will be in August. To reduce or eliminate financial commitments incurred by stakeholders and more importantly for the health and safety of every patron, employee, vendor, entertainer, volunteer, judge and others that attend the Pierce County Fair.
- **What is available for the youth exhibitors?**
 - We are unable to host any judging for 2020 and look forward to offering a judging experience in 2021. Our youth exhibitors and fair traditions are very important to us, but nothing is more important than the health and safety of every patron that joins us at the Pierce County Fair.
- **What if my youth is aging out of participation and this was their last Fair?**
 - The Fair Committee along with guidance from the 4-H Youth Development Agent and the State will explore if options will be available for exhibitors at the 2021 Fair, who will have aged out of participation but within the same project areas as they were enrolled in for the 2020 Fair or as an open class exhibitor. Any exception would need to be made under Fair rules and it would be applicable only for the 2021 Fair. More details to come.
- **Will vendors, open class exhibitors and sponsors receive refunds?**
 - Yes, all vendors, open class exhibitors and sponsors will have the option to roll over their 2020 agreements and payments to the 2021 Fair or receive a full refund. The Pierce County Fair Office will reach out to those parties directly to make arrangements.
- **When (and who) was the notification sent out about the cancellation?**
 - All stakeholders including 4-H/FFA, carnival, sponsors, food and commercial vendors, superintendents, judges, volunteers, entertainment, etc. were notified by email or phone prior to the press release being sent to media on Wednesday, July 1st, 2020.
- **What happens to the Meat Animal Sale?**
 - The Pierce County Meat Animal Sale is managed by the Pierce County 4-H Livestock Committee. Please email the Livestock Committee at piercecountylivestockcommittee@gmail.com with any questions.
- **When is the 2021 Pierce County Fair?**
 - The 2021 Pierce County Fair will be held August 12-15, 2021. Mark your calendars now. Please keep the 2019-2020 Fairbook as we will be using that in 2021 as a cost saving measure.
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