

Update to Sale Organizers Regarding COVID-19

Livestock Sale Organizers:

You are likely aware of the Stay at Home Order issued by Governor Mike Parson today, April 3, 2020, at 5 p.m. I have been in contact with the Governor's Office and the Missouri Department of Agriculture.

As far as sales are concerned, this is an extension of the previous Order. You are exempt and the waiver still applies. With that said, please abide by the CDC recommendations and limit crowd sizes at the sales by encouraging the use of online and phone bidding. Please discourage spectating and congregating. Do not operate dining areas and provide hand sanitation stations if possible. I am being told that we must abide by these guidelines to ensure the exemption stays in place. This is critically important.

<u>Click here</u> for a copy of the waiver we requested from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. Please print this out and have it available at your sale facility. I suggest providing your employees with a letter to carry with them in their vehicles. For a template letter, <u>please click here</u>.

Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,

Mike Deering

Executive Vice President