

# Humboldt County Health Board

Humboldt County Courthouse  
50 West Fifth Street Room 205  
Winnemucca, Nevada 89445



Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Dear SSIR participants:

We have prepared for many weeks to welcome the 2020 Silver State International Rodeo to our community and to the Winnemucca Events Complex. Certainly, these are very unique times, and it took incredible planning and assurances at the state and local levels to see this event come to fruition.

We not only promised state and local leaders that participants would follow all directives to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, but we gave our word to our community—something we do not take lightly considering we have lost four community members to this virus.

Sadly, SSIR visitors have not followed directives to mitigate the spread of this virus; in fact, we have been dismayed at participants' lack of adherence to even basic preventative measures.

Accordingly, we have agreed to give SSIR officials and participants 24 hours to show health board, county, city and event center leaders that this event can continue—with the proper protocols in place.

If our leaders do not see all SSIR visitors wearing facial coverings, social distancing, practicing appropriate hand hygiene and avoiding unnecessary social gatherings within the next 24 hours, then we will cancel the event at 4 p.m. Thursday, July 2, 2020.

As we noted in our welcome letter, we expect all SSIR visitors to adhere to the following guidance, both at the Winnemucca Events Complex and within the Winnemucca community:

- Always wear a facial covering in public (children age 9 and younger are excluded). Contestants may only remove their facial covering to compete.
- Always maintain a social distance of at least six feet from non-household members. Wearing a mask is NOT a substitute for social distancing. Wearing a mask AND social distancing must happen together.
- Wash hands frequently; use hand sanitizer liberally between hand washing.
- Do not gather with non-household members. When viewing competitions, please follow the guidance provided for the grandstands and other locations.
- Alert event staff immediately of any COVID-like symptoms or known exposures.

Masks are available at no cost at the stall check-in office; businesses throughout the community also have masks for sale.

We thank all our SSIR visitors in advance for following the mandated protocols, both at the Winnemucca Events Complex and in the Winnemucca community. These positive efforts demonstrate respect for teammates, event organizers and community members.

Questions regarding the COVID-19 mitigation guidance provided here should be directed to SSIR leaders or Winnemucca Events Complex staff.

Thank you,

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