



TCYS COVID-19 Update December 9, 2020

To our Travis County Exhibitors, Parents, Supporters, AST/CEA, and Volunteers:

In August, [Austin-Travis County issued guidance](#) to help businesses/event organizers navigate emergency COVID-19 rules safely. Gatherings of more than 10 people are prohibited under current Austin-Travis County Orders and the Emergency Rules until at least December 15, 2020, to reduce exposure to COVID-19. As this ordinance date comes to an end next week, we anticipate that it will be extended into January and possibly beyond.

The health and safety of everyone that enters our show barn and participates in our event is always our top priority. Our goal for 2021 was always to have a show and create opportunities for the youth of Travis County, all while we closely monitored county mandates, as well as TEA/ISD requirements and changes. We understood that we would all have to adapt to these rules and regulations that our city, county, and state government issues.

As we get closer to our January show dates, these guidelines, rules, and restrictions, became much more difficult for us to navigate and overcome. All while still providing the level of quality you have come to expect from us. Due to this, the Travis County Youth Show is announcing the cancelation of the 2021 Livestock Show and that we will be placing our support behind the ISD's to have ISD level livestock shows that include 4-H exhibitors in their district.

What does this mean?

- TCYS will continue with our 2021 Virtual Youth Fair as a ribbon only contest.
- TCYS will help supplement ISD level shows by refunding ALL entries back to the clubs/chapters, including the Youth Fair entries collected, as well as make a good faith donation, which will be distributed via an application process.
- Class Ribbons will be made available to the ISD's on a first come first serve basis.

We look forward to further supporting the youth of Travis County in 2022. For questions, please contact tcys@live.com.

Thank you,
The Travis County Youth Show Board