



TCYS COVID-19 Update August 6, 2020

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

We've received many phone calls and emails asking how we are adapting to the COVID-19 pandemic, and if we are planning on changing, moving, modifying, and/or cancelling the 2021 Travis County Youth Show.

The health and safety of everyone that enters our show barn, banquet hall, and auction is always our top priority. Our goal is to have a 2021 show and we are closely monitoring county mandates, as well as TEA/ISD requirements and changes. We understand that we will all have to adapt to the rules and regulations that our city, county, and state government issues. These regulations will likely change how the show will run in 2021.

Due to an abundance of caution, the following changes to the 2021 show include the following:

For Rabbit and Poultry projects, we will show single fryer rabbits and single roaster chickens for the 2021 show, regardless of how our show schedule is finalized. This will help reduce time and provide some much-needed social distancing in the arena.

We've also agreed that we will not have a Baked and Preserved Division in Youth Fair for this year. This is to ensure the safety of our judges and follow CDC recommendations on public food consumption.

Additionally, we have 4 possible plans for the 2021 Show Schedule:

- Plan A (Current Plan): Modified Show Schedule
Livestock exhibitors will check-in, classify, weigh-in, show, and leave in the same day without a showmanship contest to limit the number of species/people in the barn at any time. Youth Fair will be virtual, with modifications to classes/divisions.
- Plan B: Normal Show & Schedule
We can only have a "normal" show and schedule, when and IF, it is allowed by the state and local government, as well as each of the ISD's that participate in our county show. It is very likely that Youth Fair will remain virtual this year, with modifications to classes/divisions.
- Plan C: 100% Virtual Show
Livestock will be judged online through a video that each exhibitor will submit to the show by a specific date. Youth Fair will be judged based on the required pictures and project worksheets that will be submitted by a specific date to the show, with modifications to classes/divisions.
- Plan D: No 2021 Show
As mentioned above, this is NOT what we want or expect to happen. TCYS is devoted to exhausting every possible opportunity before it comes to cancellation.

Over the next few months, many things are going to change, hopefully for the better. We will continue to monitor these changes daily and provide necessary updates to AST/CES advisers and through our website as they become available. For questions, please contact tcys@live.com.

Thank you,

The Travis County Youth Show