

Safety details outlined for the Builders St. Charles Home Show as of 1/19/21:

- Maximum number of workers in a 100 sq. ft. is 2
- Social distancing will be implemented by using signage directing consumers to social distance and stay 6' feet apart, one-way traffic aisle signs, plus additional spacing on the front and back aisles for safe distancing two-way traffic.
- More room has been allocated on the floor plan to accommodate social distancing in areas that have previously been congested in other events.
- The facility is requiring face masks, so Show will have them available with the directories and bags upon entering the facility (and we will only have one entrance to the event this year)
- The facility is currently doing temperature checks for all employees prior to entering the facility. A decision has not yet been made regarding guests for this event.
- The show will be monitored and if any area is too crowded staff will redirect to different areas and we will stop attendees from entering until others leave if we feel it becomes a social distancing issue. Whatever guidelines are in place at the time of the event will be followed by the Show.

The St. Charles Convention Center is doing the following:

- Following State and local County as well as CDC guidelines.
- New procedures and processes are being implemented.
- Social distancing, hand washing and sanitizing is actively promoted throughout the building.
- We expect attendees to not enter the building if they are not feeling well, have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 or have traveled internationally within the past 14 days.
- Wellness and travel restrictions are posted on exterior doors.
- We are investing in touchless water bottle fillers. It may take some time to have these installed.
- The entire facility has been and is being cleaned, sanitized and disinfected regularly.

Food & Beverage

- Kitchens and food outlets have been thoroughly cleaned, sanitized and disinfected and will continue to be on a regular schedule.
- Water, tea and coffee will be served covered.
- Sneeze guards will be utilized on buffets, in kiosks and Cafes.
- Food service employees will wear face coverings and gloves.
- Fresh food will be packaged whenever possible. Prepackaged foods will also be served. No food items or condiments will be available to be touched by the public.
- Food utensils in concession outlets as well as condiments will be provided in single serve packaging and will be delivered from behind food service counters.

What if the Show is canceled and how will we be notified? Like the spring we plan to host the event unless a government tells us that we cannot. We will notify our vendors immediately by email however we do not anticipate this happening.

The HBA's responsibility is to provide an environment that emphasizes a COVID-safe approach to the conduct of our home shows.

Beyond that, neither the HBA, nor any entity or individual participating in our home show (i.e., exhibitors, staff, attendees) can guarantee or otherwise assure that one's participation in the home show will never result in themselves or others contracting COVID or any other virus. By its very nature, one could contract COVID from a host of exposure opportunities that are unrelated to our home show but occur in a timeframe coinciding with the home show.

The HBA intends to fulfill its responsibility by establishing operational protocols for exhibitors, staff and attendees in order to mitigate, minimize and hopefully prevent the exposure to COVID while at our home show.