

Recommendations for Canadian Cattle Sales during COVID-19

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***** 25 persons -- New measures announced Friday, March 20th by the Saskatchewan government, include limiting gatherings to no more than 25 people in one room, except when people can maintain two metres between them.

For those hosting sales

- limit attendance to a maximum of ~~50~~ persons
- make on-line or phone bidding available where possible
- make the cattle available for viewing prior to the sale
- consider online photos and videos as an alternative to in person viewing
- restrict general public access
- do not shake hands and maintain a social distance of 2-metres
- provide information to employees on COVID-19
- provide hand sanitizer in common areas
- provide space for handwashing
- consider not providing food and if you are providing food consider individual packages and serving to avoid surfaces being touched by multiple hands
- sanitize workstations and eating areas including special attention to telephones, computer keyboards, calculators, desks, photocopiers, counters and common areas, shared by more than one person on a regular basis.

For those purchasing cattle and attending sales

- do not attend sales without an intention to purchase or seriously considering purchasing
- do not attend a sale if you are sick with even mild symptoms
- do not bring additional family members with you, one person per farm operation
- do not shake hands, maintain a 2-meter social distance
- consider phone bidding, call ahead to make arrangements with sales staff
- consider online bidding, sign up for online platforms ahead of time
- where possible view bulls ahead of the sale
- consider online photos and video as an alternative to in person viewing
- wash your hands thoroughly and frequently

We recognize this is a stressful time for producers. Through working together and good preparation we will keep our families, customers and employees safe and continue to provide stability within in the Canadian beef production system.

These are recommendations of the Canadian Cattlemen's Association and the Canadian Beef Breeds Council made through consultation of the Public Health Agency of Canada website found [here](#). This is not an exhaustive list and businesses should stay up to date on their government recommendations and regional requirements.