



Lakeshore Art Festival 2021 – Pandemic Safety Protocols

In an effort to provide the safest environment for our guests, volunteers and exhibitors, the following safety protocols will be in place for Lakeshore Art Festival 2021. The nature of this outdoor event already allows for an open-air concept with a significant amount of space to walk and navigate the layout. Additionally, farmers' markets, art festivals, and retail stores have been able to successfully navigate through the pandemic. We feel confident that our measures will create a safe environment for all to enjoy. Below is an outline of safety steps that will be taken. This information is ever-changing. We will do our best to continue to update content as more information is provided.

Overall:

- The festival will be following the "Recreation and entertainment" guidelines provided by [MDHHS Epidemic Order Effective April 19-May 24](#).
- Per current state guidelines, "Outdoor Facilities: must not exceed 50% of the limits established by the fire marshal (if applicable), and must not exceed an overall total of 1,000 people." Based on historic data for Lakeshore Art Festival, there are generally no more than 1,000 people within one section at a time.
- All people that enter the footprint for Lakeshore Art Festival 2021 will be required to wear a mask.
- Handwashing stations and/or hand sanitizer will be at every intersection and booth space.
- The entire event will be spaced out more.
- High-touch surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected often, and we will encourage guests to use their own writing utensils when necessary.
- A certified Pandemic Compliance Advisor will be on location during the event.

Exhibitors

- Exhibitor booths will be spaced out to allow for safe social distancing.
- Each exhibitor booth will be required to bring their own hand sanitizers to be placed in a visible location within the booth.
- Temperature check and pre-screening questions will be provided when exhibitors check in for the show. If a fever or signs of Covid-19 are present, the exhibitor will be asked to leave the show.

Food Area

- Designated dining areas will comply with all state "food service" requirements per, [MDHHS Epidemic Order Effective April 19-May 24](#) whereas, "Outdoor dining is permitted at 100% capacity, as long as all groups of patrons are 6 feet apart."
- All food must be eaten in designated dining areas. Consumption of food or beverages will be permitted only where patrons are seated, groups of patrons are separated by at least 6 feet, no more than 6 patrons are seated at a table, and groups of patrons do not intermingle. Attendees are requested to not "walk and eat."
- A dedicated cleaning crew will be assigned to cleaning tables after each guest is done eating.
- Food trucks will be a safe distance between each unit.
- Food vendors will have some type of clear barrier between their workers and the guests they are serving.

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- If food is cooked on location, it will be provided to guests in a to-go container.
- All artisan food items will be pre-packaged.
- All samples will be pre-packaged. No open-air samples allowed.
- No buffet style food options on location.
- Food lines will be marked and sectioned off to allow for a safe distance while waiting to order food.
- No shared condiments, drink or utensil areas. Must be individually packaged.

Volunteers

- Will be pre-screened, to make sure they have no signs or symptoms of illness before coming to the event. If they have symptoms, they will be asked to stay at home.
- Will be required to get a temperature check and fill out on-location safety questions upon showing up for their volunteer time slot.
- Will be required to wear a mask while in the festival footprint.
- Volunteers working within the “cleaning team” will be required to wear gloves in addition to masks.
- Will be provided with their own individual bottle of hand sanitizer.

Entertainment

- Historically, the event has had live entertainment in the way of street performers. Due to current congregating restrictions, we are reviewing options on whether live entertainment can be done safely. More information to come.

Children’s Lane

- Historically, we have had “hands on” activities at the Children’s Lane. This year, we will be giving away art supplies to provide families with ways to appreciate art and be creative in the safety of their own homes. If allowed to provide a safe, artful experience on location, options will be considered.

Signage

- Wayfinding signs will be in place helping to navigate guests in a certain pattern to allow the flow of attendees to go a certain way.
- Signs will be throughout the footprint encouraging face covering, keeping a safe distance, if recently sick please do not enter footprint, etc.
- Signs outside of event notifying guest of potential risk of attendance.
- Signs at picnic area, one pod per table and no more than 6 guests per table. (Meaning, don’t sit at a table if you did not come with the people that are sitting there.)
- Signs at port-o-jons reminding guests to keep a 6-foot distance.
- Exhibitor Booth signage (i.e. Booth Numbers)
 - One side for artists
 - Explaining that they must have hand sanitizer visible
 - No more than X number of guests in a booth at a time
 - One side for guests showing them all that we have done to ensure a safe show
 - Listing out safety measures
 - Ask guests to be patient and if booth is full, please wait a moment to enter.

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