



## COVID-19 POLICY

The Canadian Cat Association continues to closely monitor the evolving COVID-19 pandemic. While we are excited to return to shows, it is important that we maintain protective measures for the safety of our members, exhibitors, spectators, and cats. It is the responsibility of each club and attendee to determine their personal risk and comfort level when attending a show. This policy is designed to provide clubs and show attendees with clear expectations of the precautions in place for their protection.

Please be aware that it is possible for cats to be infected with COVID-19. For information about the transmission of COVID-19 from humans to cats and between cats, please see the Government of Canada's [Animals and COVID-19](#) webpage (in [French](#)). Additional information is available from the [Canadian Veterinary Medical Association](#) (in [French](#)).

The following restrictions must be adhered to by every club at every CCA-AFC licensed show from **October 1, 2021** until further notice, without exception.

### CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Clubs must adhere to all federal, provincial, local, and venue policies, rules, restrictions, and guidelines, without exception while hosting a CCA-AFC show in any capacity. Where regulations differ, CCA-AFC asks that clubs adhere to the more restrictive standard.
2. Clubs must adhere to this policy and enforce the Individual Responsibilities policy below during the show, the set-up before the show, and any take-down/clean-up time following the show.
3. Clubs must provide masks, hand sanitizer, and cleaning supplies for the use of exhibitors and spectators. It is recommended these items be located at the points of entry.
4. Clubs are responsible for enforcing vaccine passport checks, COVID-19 screening, and collecting contact tracing information from all attendees, including exhibitors and spectators. This should be done at the entrance to the show hall, independently from the entry clerk and concurrent with spectator admission. It is recommended that the club have a designated individual (if possible a uniformed security guard) perform this duty.

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- a. Vaccine passport checks and/or proof of vaccination must follow local provincial guidelines (i.e. using provincial smartphone apps).
  - b. COVID-19 screening questions should follow local guidelines.
    - i. [Ontario recommended COVID-19 screening questions](#)
    - ii. Quebec recommended COVID-19 screening questions: [French](#), [English](#)
  - c. Contact tracing information requirements vary by locality, but at minimum should include the individual's name and a primary method of communication (phone number or email address). Clubs should do their utmost to maintain the privacy of all information collected.
5. Clubs must collect signed COVID-19 waiver forms from all exhibitors, vendors, judges, clerks, stewards, show staff, and show volunteers. CCA-AFC has a waiver form available for clubs to use.
6. Clubs have the right to remove from the show hall any attendee who refuses to adhere to any aspect of this policy.
7. Social distancing of at least 2 metres (6 feet) in all directions must be observed at all times in all show spaces, including in judging rings and benching areas.
- a. Judging rings must be arranged with a clearly marked entrance and exit, with social distancing between the judge and clerk, the judge and spectators, between spectators, and between judging cages and the judging table. It is strongly recommended that at least one empty cage be left between all exhibited cats at all times to maintain distancing while cats are brought in and out of the ring.
  - b. Benching areas must be socially distanced in all directions. It is strongly recommended that benching tables be arranged in "islands" so that each exhibitor is benched separately. Benching cages placed back-to-back in the standard row arrangement are not considered socially distanced. Protective barriers between benching spaces (such as a solid plastic barrier) are an acceptable alternative.
  - c. Spectator flow around the show hall and between benching areas should have clearly marked one-way indicators. Spectator aisles between benching areas should maintain a 2 m/6' distance between spectators and exhibitors.
8. Clubs must hold events in a way that emphasizes the safety of all attendees. Recommended measures include:
- a. Limiting entries to ensure attendee numbers are within local restrictions.
  - b. Limiting benching requests as needed.
  - c. Advance payment for show entries.
  - d. Use of advance ticketing or contactless payment methods for spectators.
  - e. Washing hands as frequently as possible.
9. Clubs must make the following information available to attendees, via the show flyer, social media, and with entry confirmations:
- a. Additional COVID-19 restrictions enforced by the club, venue, or locality.
  - b. Whether spectators will be allowed at the show.

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- c. Whether food or drink will be allowed in the facility.
- d. Benching restrictions and social distancing set-up.
- e. A link to or copy of this policy and to the CCA-AFC Attendee Waiver.

### **INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

Each person attending a CCA-AFC show in any capacity (including but not limited to exhibitors, vendors, judges, clerks, stewards, show staff, and spectators) agrees to adhere to the following regulations:

1. Attendees must wear a mask that covers the mouth and nose at all times.
2. Attendees must provide proof of double vaccination, following vaccine passport regulations for that province. Medical exemptions to this rule cannot be provided without the proof of exemption required in that province. Out-of-province attendees must be prepared to provide proof of vaccination outside of their provincial smartphone app (i.e. paper or digital documentation) in case their phone app is not compatible with the one in the province in which the show is held.
3. Attendees agree to provide contact tracing information to the club upon request.
4. Attendees must maintain social distancing of at least 2 metres (6 feet) in all directions between each other whenever possible.
5. Attendees agree to maintain good personal hygiene while at the show facility, including but not limited to: washing hands frequently, refraining from consuming food/drink if not permitted, and minimizing contact between cats from different households.
6. Any attendee that does not adhere to this or the club's COVID-19 policies can be ejected from the show facility by the show manager, forfeiting all fees and wins.