

LOWELL AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXPO ON THE RIVERWALK

COVID-19 Mitigation Policies & Procedures Manual - May 25, 2021

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce outlines policies and procedures in effort to mitigate COVID-19 transmissions during the event known as Expo on the Riverwalk to take place June 12th, 2021. The following provisions are mandatory pursuant to the Gatherings and Face Mask Order and the Large Outdoor Events Guidance issued by the State of Michigan on May 14th, 2021.

This document provides mandated public health measures for all attendees and gives general recommended guidance for how this event can occur while creating a safe environment.

1. Infection Control Plan

- A volunteer will act as the designated COVID-19 Regulation Enforcement Officer in order to ensure compliance with MDHHS regulations.
- All groups of patrons must maintain six feet of distance from other groups at all times. The number of participating vendors has been limited and designated vendor booth spaces have been appropriately spread out to facilitate social distancing.
- Event capacity is limited to no more than 20 people per 1,000 square feet. The Expo venue comprises roughly 100,000 square feet, limiting attendance to roughly 5,000 people at any one time.
- The location of the event and proximity to the Flat River and local businesses create three natural entry and exit points located at the North and South ends of the Riverwalk as well as from the East adjacent to the public library.
- The event is planned to occur from 10:00am to 3:00pm EST with no specific attendee arrival time. This is to encourage a consistent inflow and outflow of patrons throughout the day in order to limit the number of attendees at any one time.
- Internet links to current regulations, the MI Symptoms Screening Tool, and MDHHS COVID-19 testing sites will be posted to the event website for the days leading up to the event.
- Hand sanitizer will be available and spread out at various points along the Riverwalk.
- Signs will be displayed regarding COVID-19 mitigation measures throughout the event.
- Food or beverages may only be consumed while seated in the designated picnic area. While eating/drinking, no more than 6 people must be seated together in a group, and groups must be separated by at least 6 feet; groups should avoid mingling.

2. Recommended Mitigation Measures

- Facemasks will not be required for any individual regardless of vaccination status. However, the MDHHS recommends that those who are not yet fully vaccinated against COVID-19 continue to wear face masks while in crowded spaces.
- Cohorting or pods should be implemented to maintain small groups while gathering at the event. Cohorts should consist of up to six people.
- Individuals, including vendors and volunteers, should conduct self-screening for COVID-19 symptoms before attending Expo on the Riverwalk - The free MI Symptoms tool can be used to complete self-screening.

More information can be found at www.discoverlowell.org/expo.