

# Safety Measures for Physical Validation Processes

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## Requirements:

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- Committees must adhere to all city, county, and state regulations as set forth by these entities.

## Strongly Recommended Best Practices:

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- Work environments should operate with the absolute minimum personnel necessary for the specific task.
- No more than 10 people should be present and out of vehicles at any given time.
- Set 6 feet markers for human traffic on the premise.
- Supply alcohol-based hand sanitizer of at least 60% alcohol at every workstation and at entry/exit points.
- Distance workstations as to separate various task stations as possible, including paperwork, tagging, DNA, etc.
- Encourage at-risk family members/committee members to avoid validation, if possible. At-risk individuals include adults aged 65 years or older, those with asthma, high blood pressure, diabetes, obesity (BMI of 30 or above), heart conditions, or other chronic diseases. For more information, please [visit CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).
- Assign and enforce consistent job responsibilities for each step in the validation process in an effort to avoid multiple people touching the same equipment.
- The state-level county validation committee should plan on the entire validation process taking longer than previous years and should schedule validation dates and times accordingly.
- Disinfect equipment before and after use with a disinfectant registered for use against SARS-CoV-2. Please follow all manufacturer label directions for safe, effective use.
- Encourage PPE (including cloth masks) be worn by validation committee.
- Encourage PPE (including cloth masks) be worn by all exhibitors/family members/participants attending physical validation.
- Ensure that all handwashing stations on premise are functional and supplied with soap and paper towels.
- Allow for paperwork and materials to be brought to the family's vehicles for overview to allow the persons to remain in vehicles until the time their individual livestock is in place to be validated. Only at this time should persons exit the vehicles to witness and sign documentation.
- The state-level county validation committee should offer multiple validation dates to reduce numbers of people gathering on site.
- This should include scheduling system to all scheduled times for each family in an effort to reduce the numbers of people gather on site at a given time.
- The state-level county validation committee should also be prepared to check trailers before pulling into facility to limit people/ trailers on grounds at the same time.
- Hang signage around premise to reinforce safety measures. These include but are not limited to: signage related to washing hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds at all handwashing stations, maintaining social distance of at least 6 feet, etc.