



PROFESSIONAL RODEO COWBOYS ASSOCIATION

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Introduction

The purpose of this document is to collate information and advice about the COVID-19 outbreak and how it relates to PRCA ProRodeo events, athletes, participants and other stakeholders.

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General information on COVID-19

The coronavirus COVID-19 is responsible for the current outbreak affecting many countries worldwide. The common symptoms of coronavirus are coughing, difficulty breathing, and fever and the incubation period is between 2 to 14 days.

Infections can cause more severe symptoms, and in some cases have been fatal in people with weakened immune systems, older people and those with long-term conditions like diabetes, cancer and chronic lung disease.

The World Health Organization has issued public advice on what everybody can do to limit their exposure to COVID-19.

Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association position

The health and safety of athletes, officials, fans and event hosts is a priority. The PRCA is monitoring official information on COVID-19 from health authorities and assessing the possible impact on the ProRodeo family.

PRCA will continue to partner with committees to organize events as planned until given a specific directive from the public health authority in the relevant region indicating otherwise.

The objective is to host all events. Ultimately this is not a decision of the PRCA. The PRCA policy, with our committees, is to continue to monitor the situation and to follow the advice of the CDC and directives from local public health authorities.

Information sources

The following official sources are being used by ProRodeo.

World Health Organization – situation reports and latest research on COVID-19.

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

CDC (USA) – situation by county / region in destination lists. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html>

Any news on specific ProRodeo status will be issued on the COVID-19 tab located on the homepages of the www.ProRodeo.com and www.ProRodeo.org websites. Significant changes in status will be detailed in an updated version of this document.

Advice for Committees

Decisions regarding postponement or cancellation

The postponement or cancellation of events is not within the control of the PRCA, the committees, or the ProRodeo community, but is caused by the ongoing developments as a result of COVID-19 in different regions and subsequent decisions made by public health authorities.

The cancellation of events without recommendation from public health authorities is discouraged as according to the World Health Organization, these measures are likely to have limited benefit in containing the outbreak. This statement may be updated as more information becomes known.

Any rodeo committee considering cancellation, please contact the Director of Rodeo Administration immediately (719) 528-4787.

Prevention measures

Events that take place should take additional precautions regarding the welfare of participants. This primarily revolves around the promotion of everyday preventive action and is based on the advice from the CDC in the USA:

- Promote the practice of everyday preventative actions.
- Provide COVID-19 prevention supplies.
- Plan for staff absences.
- Promote messages that encourage people to self-monitor and take appropriate action.
- If possible, identify a space that can be used to isolate participants who feel ill.
- Limit unnecessary person-to-person contact.

Example poster resources are included at the back of this handbook.

Prevention supplies that should be provided include hand sanitizer or hand-washing materials, tissues, closed bins and, where possible, disposable face masks only for those showing symptoms of infection.

The shaking of hands during events will not be banned. However, unless person-to-person contact is absolutely necessary, it is advised that such actions be avoided.

Contingency planning

It is important to identify the authorities that will make any decisions regarding the postponement or cancellation of the event, identify which stakeholders may need to know about the event (including relevant local healthcare providers) and to have in place contingency plans if changes to the event have to be made.

Stay informed on the COVID-19 situation and regularly update the PRCA if your local situation changes. The PRCA will assist to ensure contact details for all participants are kept maintained and communicate regularly on the situation.

Contingency plans to consider include but are not limited to:

- Procedure if participant displays symptoms of COVID-19.
- Procedure if participant tests positive for COVID-19.
- Key staff replacement plan.
- Stakeholder communication plan.
- Participant communication plan.
- Procedure for postponement or cancellation of event.
- Facility requirement if participants are present at time of postponement or cancellation.

Local committees should contact the PRCA and local public health authorities with any questions needed to ensure they are preparing in a manner that best safeguards the welfare of all participants and fans. These host committees are working diligently so that events take place safely.

Contestants are encouraged to continue to participate in events, ensuring that the basic preventative measures that have been recommended are being followed both at events, and while athletes and officials are training at home.

Communication

It is essential that committee chairmen and other committee leaders are contactable at all times and able to contact all members of their team at all times during events. An off-site back-up contact is also recommended.

These leaders should be responsible for communicating preventative measures and encouraging staff and volunteers to self-monitor and take appropriate actions if displaying symptoms.

Event postponement or cancellation

The objective is to host all PRCA events as planned, unless public health authorities or state / local governments in the relevant region issue a directive not to stage the event. There is no prior deadline at which a PRCA sanctioned event can no longer be postponed or cancelled.

If a PRCA sanctioned event is postponed or cancelled:

- All contestants will be automatically withdrawn. No action is required.
- Penalty fees may be waived, depending on when a cancellation occurred.
- Entry Fees may be credited back to the contestants, depending on the timing of the cancellation.
- Decisions of this nature will be determined by the Director of Rodeo Administration on a case-by-case basis.

Every attempt will be made to reschedule cancelled events. If a replacement event is scheduled:

- Such notice will follow PRCA rules and be posted in the ProRodeo Business Journal online at both www.ProRodeo.com and www.ProRodeo.org.
- New entry deadlines will be set and communicated.
- The entry process will start from the beginning.

Advice for contestants

The advice of the World Health Organization is that washing your hands is the best way to protect yourself against infection. While committee organizers are being asked to provide increased hand washing facilities, you should also always try to carry hand sanitizer and tissues.

If you feel unwell or have the symptoms of COVID-19 – coughing, sneezing or fever – then seek medical help early. It is your responsibility to help protect the health of others.

Wash your hands

This advice is taken from the World Health Organization.

- Wash your hands regularly.
- Wash your hands with soap and water, then dry them thoroughly.
- Use alcohol-based hand rub if you don't have immediate access to soap and water.

Washing your hands properly takes at least 20 seconds – or singing 'Happy Birthday' twice.

Frequently Asked Questions

Where should I find information on COVID-19?

Official information on the outbreak can be found through public health authorities. Details on event or travel restrictions are issued by governments. PRCA is following the advice of the CDC, and issues statements and updates on the COVID-19 situation and its impact on the ProRodeo community.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html>

What advice has the PRCA given to local committees?

The PRCA is maintaining close contact with all committees. They are being advised to continue preparations for their events as normal unless directives are issued from public health authorities that state otherwise. The local committees are encouraged to stay in contact with their local public health officials. **The objective is to host all events.**

How will the postponement or cancellation of events affect Circuits, Tour, and NFR.

PRCA is not planning to make any adjustments to the qualification procedures for any post-season events. At this stage with the current level of postponement and cancellation, PRCA does not believe that making a change would be appropriate at this time. It will be communicated if this changes.

What refunds will be received if a PRCA sanctioned event is postponed or cancelled?

Entry Fees may be credited back to the contestants, depending on the timing of the cancellation. Decisions of this nature will be determined by the Director of Rodeo Administration on a case-by-case basis. Ticket refund policies and procedures will be established by the local rodeo committee and communicated through local channels.

Resources

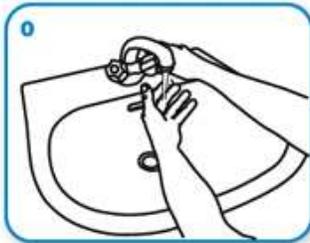
The following resources are taken from the World Health Organization or public health authorities. Contact the relevant health authority in your region for localized versions.

Poster:

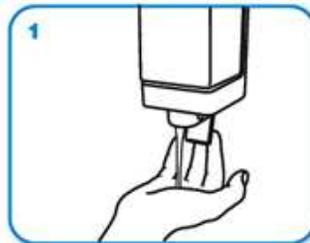
How to handwash? (World Health Organization)

How to hand rub? (World Health Organization)

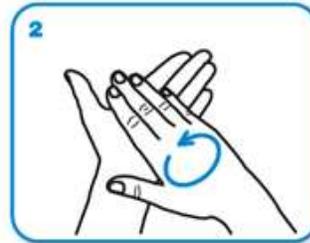
Hygiene materials (CDC)



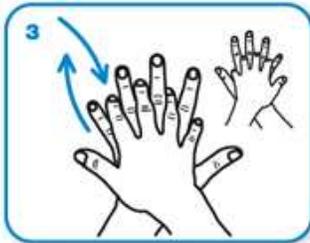
Wet hands with water



apply enough soap to cover all hand surfaces.



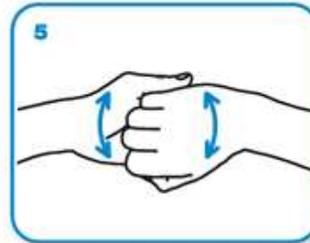
Rub hands palm to palm



right palm over left dorsum with interlaced fingers and vice versa



palm to palm with fingers interlaced



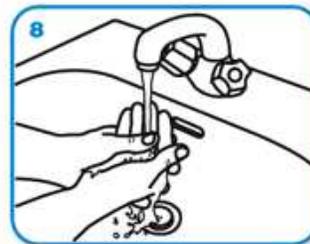
backs of fingers to opposing palms with fingers interlocked



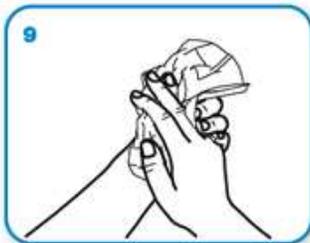
rotational rubbing of left thumb clasped in right palm and vice versa



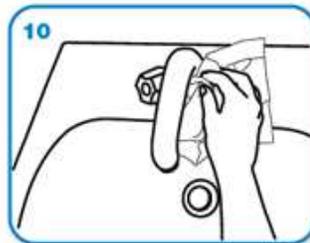
rotational rubbing, backwards and forwards with clasped fingers of right hand in left palm and vice versa.



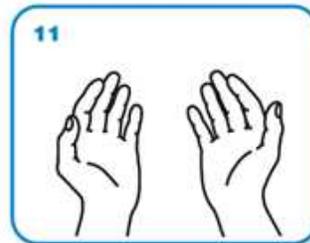
Rinse hands with water



dry thoroughly with a single use towel



use towel to turn off faucet



...and your hands are safe.