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Indiana State Fair Unveils 2023 Safety Measures

Thursday, June 1, 2023 – The 166th Indiana State Fair is just around the corner and today Indiana State Fair leadership announced updated safety measures for the 2023 event. The Indiana State Fair returns July 28 through August 20 (closed Mondays and Tuesdays). Included in today's announcement was a new unaccompanied minor policy and updated bag policy for the event.

"There is nothing more important to our event operation than our public safety plan. Along with our Public Safety Partners, we update, enhance and train to this plan annually." said Anna Whelchel, chief marketing & sales officer of the Indiana State Fair. "We are committed to creating a safe and welcoming experience for all and we can't wait to welcome Hoosiers back to this beloved summertime tradition in just 58 days."

Safety measures that fairgoers can expect to see at the 2023 Indiana State Fair are:

- Unaccompanied Minor Policy: Fairgoers under the age of eighteen (18) must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or chaperone (age 21+) to enter the Indiana State Fair starting at 6PM daily. This applies to all 18 days of the Fair.
 - Each adult may chaperone up to six (6) individuals and must remain at the Fairgrounds while the minors they are chaperoning are still present.
- Bag Policy: All bags permitted into the State Fair must be 9"x10"x12" or smaller. All bags are subject to search upon entry to the Fair through metal detectors.
- Weapons of any kind are prohibited at the Indiana State Fair.
- Visitors will be screened through metal detectors at entry gates.

For a complete listing of Indiana State Fair Safety Information, guest code of conduct and prohibited items, please visit IndianaStateFair.com. The 166th Indiana State Fair returns July 28 through August 20 (closed Mondays and Tuesdays).

The Great Indiana State Fair

The Indiana State Fair is the state's largest multi-day event celebrating the Hoosier spirit and agricultural heritage. These 18 days bring all communities together to celebrate all things Indiana and promote it to hundreds of thousands of people across the state, and beyond. Nationally recognized for offering great entertainment, showcasing youth and interactive agriculture educational programs, premiere facilities and a variety of unique, fun foods, the Indiana State Fair has been an annual attraction for generations of Hoosiers since 1852. The 2023 Indiana State Fair will take place July 29th through August 20th (closed Mondays & Tuesdays). For information, visit www.indianastatefair.com.