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ATTENTION

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To: Amusement Ride Owner Operators, Show Sponsors and inspectors

From: Gus Guadamuz, Deputy Chief Amusement Ride Inspector

The COVID 19- pandemic has created safety concerns in the Amusement Ride Industry. The following are some basic recommended guidelines that have been stated by the Federal Government Department of Health and Safety (HSS), Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention (CDC), the Missouri recovery Plan from the office of the Governor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) guide lines, The Global Association for the Attraction Industry (IAAPA) and the assistance of the Missouri Amusement Ride Board members.

1. Opening of Amusement ride shows should not be allowed until plans and provisions are put in place to mitigate the risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.
2. Proper Personal Protection Equipment is issued and use instructions is implemented to all employees per OSHA, HSS and CDC requirements.
3. Sanitation process is put in place, including disinfecting of common and high-traffic areas, entrances, and locations where there is high-frequency of guest and employees.
4. Temperature testing and monitoring of host and ride equipment operators for indicative symptoms.
5. Limiting the number of participants to parks and activities.
6. Social distancing requirement planning, including seating and waiting line spacing is determined and put in place.
7. Restructuring and modifying activities to insure minimal exposure.
8. Development and maintenance of sanitation measures.
9. Signage and or instructions with preventative measures be visible and available to employees and public/customers.
10. Regulate food court self-service options such as salad bars and buffets using disposable menus and employee use of personal protective equipment. Tables and seating should be spaced out according to social distance recommendation and guidelines set by the Local Health Department

It is the responsibility of the owner operators and the show sponsors to follow all Federal, State and local guidelines to insure the life and safety of the general public during operation of Amusement Rides and Shows.

The Division will continue performing its usual spot inspections of equipment and order immediate cessation of operation of any amusement ride if it has been determined that a hazardous or unsafe condition is found during routine inspections per Missouri Code of State Regulations 11 CSR 40-6.050 Cessation Order.

Attached please find COVID-19 REOPENING GUIDANCE. Consideration for the Attraction Industry dated May 1, 2020 published by the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions (IAAPA).

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