

## 2021 Cooperators' Meeting COVID policy

At Practical Farmers of Iowa, the safety of our staff, members and communities are our top priority. At the 2021 Cooperators' Meeting (Dec. 16-17) we're committed to creating an environment that follows COVID-safety best practices and balances in-person interaction and learning. Safety measures attendees can expect include:

- All attendees over the age of 2, regardless of vaccination status, are **required to wear a properly fitting mask**, except when actively eating or drinking. This policy aligns with current CDC guidance for counties and states with “substantial” or “high” risk of community spread of COVID-19. **PFI-branded masks and disposable masks will be provided for attendees who need it.**
- As much as possible, event areas will be designed to allow for and encourage **social distancing**. Attendees and staff are encouraged to practice social distancing to the best of their ability.
- Staff and attendees will be encouraged to practice **good hand hygiene**. Hand sanitizer will be readily available at the event.
- **During meals, to-go boxes** will be available in the buffet lines for those who wish to enjoy their meal away from the eating area (we've long suspected some attendees would prefer an easier carrying receptacle, anyway).
- PFI staff will enforce mask-wearing during events.
- Staff and attendees are encouraged to **stay home if they or someone in their household is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, or have tested positive for COVID-19 in the previous 10 days.**

If you have additional questions about safety measures in place for this event, please contact Liz Kolbe, [liz@practicalfarmers.org](mailto:liz@practicalfarmers.org), (515) 232-5661.

We are looking forward to having this event in person, and greatly appreciate your contribution to making our space as safe as possible for staff, attendees and our communities.