

The LEX Grounds have hosted 12 events during the pandemic under approved COVID-19 safety plans without a single documented case of transmission. We take the safety of our guests, volunteers, and staff seriously and have worked hard to provide opportunities for people in our community to experience some joy and hope by participating in activities safely.

The LEX has been spread over 10 days including two weekends to reduce the density of crowds on any given day. This is a significant stretch for our volunteer resources and resulted in a significant increase in many of our costs.

The LAS voluntarily set our capacity limits for most aspects of the LEX well below what was allowed by the provincial regulations to give extra room for social distancing.

The LEX is largely an outdoor event and the scientific evidence indicates the risk of transmission of the virus in outdoor settings is significantly lower than indoor settings.

All LAS staff and volunteers are subject to a policy that requires either full vaccination or a negative rapid screening test when they arrive on the LEX Grounds each day.

All midway workers are fully vaccinated and the midway is operating under a COVID-19 safety plan that involves increased cleaning, more space between rides, and a restructuring of the ride pass system to reduce the congregation of crowds in the midway.

The LAS voluntarily decided to not to license the James Barker Concert and the Lions Club voluntarily decided not to host the beer tent at the LEX out of an abundance of caution. Both are permitted under provincial regulations and would have been approved by the HKPR Health Unit. Both organizations are forgoing significant revenue but placed the safety of the community first.

The announcement of the proof of vaccination policy on September 1st was vague with respect to the LEX and didn't contain enough information for Public Health to give us specific guidance on how the regulations would apply. Our initial communications to the public and ticket purchasing policy were set to ensure that we communicated the strictest potential impact of the regulations. Once the province released the full regulations on September 14th, we met with Public Health and have implemented a proof of vaccination policy for entry into the Commonwell Exhibition Building in compliance with the provincial regulations. The provincial regulations do not require proof of vaccination for outdoor areas.

Masks will be required indoors, when watching the main events on the grandstand, and at the James Barker Band concert per provincial regulations.

The demolition derby organizer has hosted 6 derbies during the pandemic with crowds larger than what we are allowing at the LEX without a single case of transmission linked to their events.

I am inviting people to attend the Lindsay Ex and celebrate our community, knowing that we are following the guidance of our local public health officials and the provincial regulations to make it a safe event and reduce the risk of transmission. I would ask all guests to respect the rules that have been put in place