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# Ohio Pageant COVID-19 Action Plan

**IMPORTANT: IT IS OUR COLLECTIVE DESIRE TO PROVIDE A SAFE, FUN, AND REWARDING EVENT FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. PLEASE READ ALL THE ACTION POINTS BELOW.**

The procedures listed below supersede any action plan you have received in the past.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Families are each making their own decisions on how to protect themselves. It is important that we respect each other's choices. Before engaging with another family, or allowing kids to get together, please have a brief conversation about what is an acceptable distance. The fact remains, we don't know each other's story. What you may feel is safe, may not be in the eyes of someone else. What is listed below are the steps that NAM is taking. You are encouraged and welcome to take whatever additional steps you desire to feel safe. We are all truly in this together.

## **GENERAL POLICIES**

### Facemasks

- Staff: Facemasks are required at all times
- Contestants & Families: Facemasks are required at all times

### Sanitizing

- There will be sanitizing stations around the hotel to use at your convenience.
- The hotel staff will regularly be sanitizing door handles, restrooms, common surfaces, etc.

### Resume

- Contestants will not hand their resume to each judge during interview.

Limitations on the number of guests each contestant can have – **IMPORTANT, PLEASE READ**

- Princess & Jr. Pre-Teen: There will be a limit of **THREE** guests per contestant
- Pre-Teen: There will be a limit of **FIVE** guests per contestant
- Jr. Teen & Teen: There will be a limit of **TWO** guests per contestant
- At pageant check-in, each contestant will receive color coded wrist bands. Anyone entering any of the meeting rooms will be required to have a color coded wrist band that corresponds to the age division for the event taking place in that room.
- These will act as “passes” to get into any event, except the pageant finale. For the pageant finale, a guest will required to have an appropriate colored wrist band AND a finale ticket.

Temperature Checks & Symptoms Screening

- Staff: Each morning, NAM staff will be required to have their temperature taken and answer questions to determine if they are exhibiting any symptoms.
- Contestants & Families: There will be a thermometer in the NAM boutique where anyone will be able to go and have their temperature taken.

Lines & Queues

- For any event that there is a queue formed, we will have stickers placed on the floor 6' apart so people know where to stand in order to maintain social distancing.

Ballroom seating & Social Distancing

- We are laying out the ballroom seating so that there is 6' between each row. Families will be required to keep four chairs empty between themselves and the next family.

Water Stations

- The hotel will not be able to put water stations around the hotel. You are encouraged to bring a water bottle that you can refill and carry around with you.

NAM Boutique

- There will be stickers on the floor indicating when it is your turn to enter the boutique.
- A limited number of people will be allowed in the NAM boutique at once.

Dressing Room

- There will be a chair for each contestant. The chairs in the dressing room will be spaced 6' apart.

Pictures

- Please avoid contact with other families. For this reason, please do not ask other contestants or the queens to take a picture.

Escorts for Formal Wear – **IMPORTANT, PLEASE READ**

- You have to have your own escort. In the past, we invited dads volunteer to escort contestants who didn't have one. This year each contestant will be required to have her own escort. This can be her mom, sister, aunt, dad, brother, grandfather, grandmother. Anyone can be her escort, male or female, as long as they are a member of her family. To avoid person to person contact between families, we will not be able to provide volunteer escorts.

Community Involvement: Books & School Supplies Donations – **IMPORTANT, PLEASE READ**

- All donations should be made to your local schools, libraries, or charities in your area.
- Do not bring any donations to pageant check-in due to COVID19.
- It is so important to learn to be lifelong volunteers to help our communities, especially during times like these.
- We trust that you will donate and serve willingly.

## EVENT SPECIFIC DETAILS

### Pageant Check-In

- Please wear a mask
- Only one parent/guardian may accompany the contestant to the crash course.
- There will be stickers 6' apart on the floor indicating where to line up.
- We will have new available pens for each family to use if they need to fill anything out.
- If you are paying with a credit/debit, the card machine will be sanitized before you use it.
- Stations – The number of stops at check-in have been reduced
- Please sanitize your hands before turning in any forms
- There will be a line on the floor at each station, to maintain social distancing, please stay behind the line.
  - Station 1
    - Receive your color coded wrist bands that you will need to get to any event except the finale.
    - Add or remove any optional contests
    - Purchase tickets for the pageant finale (up to the limited to the number of guests for your age division (see page 2 of this document)
      - Remember everyone except the contestant needs a ticket to attend the finale.
      - Escorts are not used during the finale, so if you escort chooses to attend the finale, they will need a ticket too.
    - Settle any balance on your account
  - Station 2
    - Turn in the rest of your forms
    - Turn in your Emcee Card
    - Resume Form
    - Community Involvement Form
    - Any optional contest cards (talent, art, casual wear, academic achievement, etc.)
    - Photo(s) for photogenic optional contest
  - Station 3
    - Get your number badge
    - Get finalized schedule
  - Station 4
    - Visit with the pageant photographer
    - If you entered top model, get your photoshoot time

### Orientation

- In order for everyone to have a chair in the ballroom, while observing social distancing, only one parent/guardian may accompany the contestant to orientation.

### Crash Course

- In order for everyone to have a chair in the ballroom, while observing social distancing, only one parent/guardian may accompany the contestant to the crash course.

### Get Acquainted Party

- Contestants attending the get acquainted party, will be broken down in to groups of 10 and will have a bunch of little "mini-parties" around the room.
- In order for everyone to have a chair in the ballroom, while observing social distancing, **only one parent/guardian may accompany the contestant to the party.**

#### Formal Wear & Personal Intro Rehearsal

- Because the rehearsal room is smaller and in order for everyone to have a chair in the ballroom, while observing social distancing, **only the contestant and her escort OR one parent/guardian will be allowed to attend the rehearsal.**

#### Dance # Rehearsal

- Because the rehearsal room is smaller and in order for everyone to have a chair in the ballroom, while observing social distancing, **only one parent/guardian may accompany the contestant to the rehearsal.**

#### On-Stage Optional Contests

- The ballroom will be open to anyone with a color coded wristband for that age division.
- **Limited to the number of guests for your age division** (see page 2 of this document)

#### Formal Wear & Personal Introduction

- The ballroom will be open to anyone with a color coded wristband for that age division.
- You will line up with your escort, remember you have to have your own escort. To avoid person to person contact between families, we will not be able to provide volunteer escorts.
- A queen or staff person will be on stage to adjust the mic as needed and/or sanitize the mic between girls if needed.
- **Limited to the number of guests for your age division** (see page 2 of this document) – YOUR ESCORT DOES COUNT AS ONE OF THE GUESTS - **IMPORTANT, PLEASE READ**

#### Interview Parent Waiting Room

- In order for everyone to have a chair in the waiting room, while observing social distancing, only one parent/guardian can come to the parent meeting.
- While lining up for interview, each contestant will get their resume back that they turned in at check-in. They will carry it with them in to the interview room, but will not hand it to each individual judge.
- **Limited to the number of guests for your age division** (see page 2 of this document)

#### Top Model

- Contestants will wait in chairs outside the photography room for their scheduled time. The chairs will be spaced 6' apart.
- In order for everyone to have a chair in the ballroom, while observing social distancing, **only one parent/guardian may accompany the contestant to the party.**

## Final Rehearsal

- Because the rehearsal room is smaller and in order for everyone to have a chair in the ballroom, while observing social distancing, **only one parent/guardian can accompany the contestant to the rehearsal.**

## Finale

- The ballroom will be open to anyone with a color coded wristband for that age division and has a finale ticket.
- Production #/Dance #: The dance will be designed so that the number of contestants on stage will allow for social distancing. Contestants will come on stage in small group, perform their dance, then go off stage, then the next group will come on.
- During the awards ceremony, rather than having all the girls on stage at once, they will be in social distanced seats and will come on stage one by one if their name is called for an award.
- We will have a prop trophy on stage to use for the awards ceremony as each contestant gets her picture taken. Any awards that you won will be handed out after the pageant finale in the foyer of the ballroom.
- **Limited to the number of guests for your age division** (see page 2 of this document)