INFO SHEET for the upcoming 2021 Columbia International Festival We're glad you are planning to join us!!

COVID-19 will make some things look a little different, so here are some <u>basic questions/answers</u> for those who plan to participate. Thanks for your flexibility.

Q1: How do participants register this year?

- You replied to our email and completed a 5-question questionnaire....
- OR You complete an application at <u>cifonline.org</u>¹

If you have received an email calling you a participant, then you are registered.

Q2: Do <u>FOOD VENDORS</u> need to complete a <u>new application online</u>?

A: **YES!** We need a new W-9 and a new menu, so please complete the full application again at <u>cifonline.orq</u>

Q3: Where will food vendors sell their food? (Cooking will be under a tent as usual)

A: Food sales will be inside the **Nutt Arena** (next to the **Cantey Building**), along the walls, between the stage and the building's open front. Each seller will have access to electricity. (If you have a DHEC-approved concession trailer, call Michael at 803-567-0189 to discuss options.)

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\$1 Food Tickets will be sold (as usual) near the opening of the Nutt Arena. NO cash can be used to buy food; food sellers cannot sell drinks of any kind. (The Festival will sell drinks.)

The **Nutt Arena** is an "open air" building (no air conditioning), with powerful fans to keep the air fresh. There will be additional seating (100 chairs) under a tent outside the Nutt Arena. We also plan to have a dozen picnic tables in the sunshine.

The Nutt Arena has no restrooms or hand-washing facilities, but sanitizer machines will be available.

Q4: Where will **performers** perform?

A: On a stage in the **Nutt Arena**, in front of a live audience.

We moved the entertainment and food "outdoors" (no air conditioning) because of COVID; in the "outside air" guests can eat without a mask on, while enjoying the entertainment. Without AC, expect a warm stage area (though fans should help).

Q6: Where are the <u>national exhibits</u>? (and service organization booths and art contest)

A: Inside the <u>Cantey Building</u>. Masks are required indoors. Each booth will be 10x10 or 10x20 as usual, with 5' between them. All traffic will flow in one direction (Covid safety guideline).

¹ Although the registration deadline is past, some participants still need to register on-line at CIFonline.org.

Q7: Where are the **Bazaar vendors**?

A: You have a choice: (logistics still being worked out)

- outside under the Cantey building overhang (see below; people pass you on the way in)²
- in your own tent, between Cantey and Nutt
- in the Cantey building (with 10x10 booth as usual)

Call or email Michael to let us know your preference (803-567-0189; michael@ifmusa.org)

Q8: What **COVID precautions** will affect <u>FOOD vendors</u>?

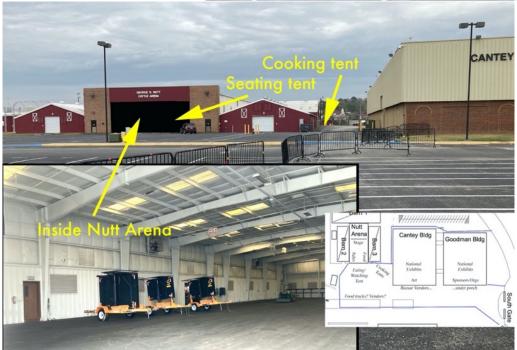
A: You must wear a mask at all times; bring several so you can change your mask every 3-4 hours. We also encourage you to have your food behind a plastic screen if possible. (You've seen various types of "shields" in almost every store.) If possible, have one or more staff person dishing/handing out foodplates, and a DIFFERENT staff person handling the food tickets (this keeps you from passing illness on from customer to customer).

Q9: Will there be **fashion shows** and a **parade of nations**?

A: Yes! These popular features need your participation!

~MK May18 2021





² these outdoor booths are wider, but not as deep

Cantey Building: (layout may change; this is just here to show the space between booths and one-way traffic flow)

Vendors need not request a specific booth in 2021; we have to be flexible. Thanks for your cooperation.

