

## **Southern New Mexico State Fair and Rodeo Closed to Public for 2020**

On July 6<sup>th</sup> the Board of Directors for the Southern New Mexico State Fair and Rodeo made the difficult decision to cancel all activities in 2020 which are normally open to the general public. This determination was based on the existing ban on mass gatherings and the Board's priority to ensure the safety of the thousands of people from around the region who participate in the fair each year.

The Southern New Mexico State Fair and Rodeo is continuing our planning efforts associated with the youth livestock show and other 4H/FFA and youth exhibits. We are committed to providing the best possible experience for our youth based on the restrictions required by the New Mexico public health order in late September. There are many variables and unknowns with the current pandemic, but we will continue to monitor the situation and ever-changing landscape.

The Southern New Mexico State Fair and Rodeo has been a tradition in our community for over 50 years. We understand the disappointment of not being able to attend the rodeo, experience the thrilling rides, enjoy your favorite carnival food or see the animals and exhibits. Rest assured, next year's event will be incredible, and we look forward to seeing everyone at the 2021 Southern New Mexico State Fair and Rodeo.

Please visit our website ([snmstatefairgrounds.net](http://snmstatefairgrounds.net)) and Facebook pages for additional updates and information. You may also contact Travis Brown, Fair Manager, at 575-636-7098.