



## Further awareness to the limit on public gatherings of more than 50 people

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Canadian beef industry stakeholders are bringing further awareness to the limit on public gatherings of more than 50 people in any indoor or outdoor place or premises. **Severe penalties could be associated with not following these restrictions.**

For example, under the Manitoba [Emergency Measures Act](#), penalties of up to \$50,000 or imprisonment are outlined. The limit on public gatherings applies in **most** provinces in Canada. Those hosting and/or attending cattle sales are encouraged to consult provincial government websites.

Recommended ways to be in compliance with these protocols could include:

- Designating a staff member to manage entrants to the auction through a ticketing system;
- Allowing only bidders into the sale and/or allowing bidders in for only the portion of the sale they are interested in;
- Encouraging people to bid online or on the phone; and
- Restricting those attending commercial yard sales to the sales staff, order buyers and livestock inspection staff. All other non-essential individuals, including the general public, consignors, and truckers should not be allowed in the building.

Full recommendations for attending and hosting cattle auctions during the COVID-19 pandemic can be found [here](#).