

To those questioning the auction at Dinky's scheduled for tonight (Friday, 4/3/20):

We are aware of your concerns and want to give you a little more information from the health department's perspective. It is a livestock only auction (which is permissible in accordance to Governor Holcomb's Executive Order 20-08) with only registered buyers and minimal staff allowed entry through a single entry point; as it was last Friday night. The health department was there monitoring the situation last Friday and will be there again tonight. Someone will continue to be there in the future to monitor the situation, to screen those entering and to control the number of people in the facility. Last Friday (March 27th) there was only one entry point allowed and the remainder of the building was blocked off, there were 11 people that came into the facility and each one was screened by our staff prior to entry. Each person used hand sanitizer before they entered and sanitizer was available throughout the arena area. Social distancing was adhered to in the arena area. The auctions are an essential part of the food supply chain and will continue under our stipulations until the Governor's orders change.