

## **Welcome back to the Morton Pumpkin Festival 2021!**

The Morton Pumpkin Festival has always placed the safety of its participants and staff as a core priority of festival planning. The Morton Chamber of Commerce is monitoring current health recommendations by local, state, and federal agencies in order to determine if modifications are necessary to promote the health and wellbeing of our volunteers and guests.

### **Some of the key mitigation strategies in place include the following:**

- Permits issued by State of Illinois Department of Labor – Amusements Division and Tazewell County Health Department
- Outdoor event and open tent ventilation
- Layout changes to allow for increased space between venues and activities
- Additional hand sanitizer and handwashing stations throughout festival grounds
- Regular cleaning and sanitizing of equipment and seating areas
- Continued monitoring of government guidelines and rules related to COVID-19 safety

### **It is our goal to provide a level of comfort that allows *everyone* to enjoy the Morton Pumpkin Festival:**

- Drive-Thru for festival foods and sweets at Pumpkin Drive-Thru on Detroit
- Pumpkin Festival TV network to view live and recorded events
- Drive-In Movie to enjoy from your own vehicle
- Additional outdoor seating throughout festival grounds

As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, the Chamber Team, Board, and Advisory Committee are committed to carrying forward the mission of our Morton Pumpkin Festival by creating a Festival that allows you to safely enjoy all our traditions.

### **Your cooperation, please!**

We realize the percentage of vaccinated individuals continues to increase. However, we ask that for the safety of your fellow festival-goers, volunteers, and vendors, that you share responsibility in safely attending. If prior to planned attendance you have tested positive for COVID-19, are waiting for COVID-19 test results, are showing COVID-19 [symptoms](#), or have had [close contact](#) with a person who has tested positive or who has symptoms of COVID-19, please refrain from attending in person. In addition, your attendance at the Morton Pumpkin Festival is voluntary, and therefore by attending you are assuming the risk of possibly contracting COVID-19 at the Festival.

This is an outdoor event, however, if not fully vaccinated it's recommended that you wear face covering.

### **Thank you Libby's!**

Thank you to our main sponsor Libby's Nestle for making our 55th Morton Pumpkin Festival possible. We greatly appreciate the many other supportive sponsors, especially our Festival Chairpersons and dedicated volunteers. We look forward to celebrating our Festival traditions, and reminiscing about our history and pumpkin memories, as we safely connect with people from near and far, to experience the Pumpkin Capital of the World, Morton, Illinois!