# Unrepresented Seasonal and Temporary Employee Handbook

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# **General Employment Policies**

# **Introductory Statement**

Welcome! As an employee of Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. (the "Company"), you are an important member of a team effort. We hope that you will find your position with the Company rewarding, challenging, and productive.

We look to you and the other employees to contribute to the success of the Company.

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. is a 501c(3) corporation whose employees fall into two general categories: Permanent Employee Allocations - by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, and Unrepresented Seasonal and Temporary employees, hired directly by Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc.

This employee handbook is intended to explain the terms and conditions of Unrepresented Seasonal and Temporary Employees, only ("Employee(s)")

This handbook summarizes the policies and practices in effect at the time of publication.\* This handbook supersedes all previously issued handbooks and any policy or benefit statements or memoranda that are inconsistent with the policies described here.

\*In addition to the policies covered in this handbook, Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. also maintains and incorporates by reference, separate policies and procedures addressing COVID-19 in the workplace.

Please take the time to review the policies in this handbook, as well as Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc.'s COVID-19 policies and procedures. Your supervisor or manager will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

# Harassment, Discrimination and Retaliation Prevention

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer. Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. is committed to providing a work environment free of harassment, discrimination, retaliation, and disrespectful or other unprofessional conduct based on:

- Race
- Religion (including religious dress and grooming practices)
- Color
- Sex/gender (including pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding or related medical conditions), sex stereotype, gender identity/gender expression/transgender (including whether or not you are transitioning or have transitioned) and sexual orientation
- National origin
- Ancestry

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- Physical or mental disability
- Medical condition
- Genetic information/characteristics
- Marital status/registered domestic partner status
- Age (40 and over)
- Sexual orientation
- Reproductive health decision-making
- Military or veteran status
- Any other basis protected by federal, state or local law or ordinance or regulation

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. also prohibits discrimination, harassment, disrespectful or unprofessional conduct based on the perception that anyone has any of those characteristics, or is associated with a person who has or is perceived as having any of those characteristics.

In addition, the Company prohibits retaliation against individuals who raise complaints of discrimination or harassment or who participate in workplace investigations.

#### All such conduct violates Company policy.

#### **Harassment Prevention**

The Company's policy prohibiting harassment applies to all persons involved in the operation of the Company. The Company prohibits harassment, disrespectful or unprofessional conduct by any employee of the Company, including supervisors, managers and co-workers. The Company's anti-harassment policy also applies to vendors, customers, independent contractors, unpaid interns, volunteers, persons providing services pursuant to a contract and other persons with whom you come into contact while working.

Prohibited harassment, disrespectful or unprofessional conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following behavior:

- Verbal conduct such as epithets, derogatory jokes or comments, slurs or unwanted sexual advances, invitations, comments, posts or messages;
- Visual displays such as derogatory and/or sexually-oriented posters, photography, cartoons, drawings or gestures;
- Physical conduct including assault, unwanted touching, intentionally blocking normal movement or interfering with work because of sex, race or any other protected basis;
- Threats and demands to submit to sexual requests or sexual advances as a condition of continued employment, or to avoid some other loss and offers of employment benefits in return for sexual favors;
- Retaliation for reporting or threatening to report harassment; and
- Communication via electronic media of any type that includes any conduct that is prohibited by state and/or federal law or by company policy.

Sexual harassment does not need to be motivated by sexual desire to be unlawful or to violate this policy. For example, hostile acts toward an employee because of their gender can amount

to sexual harassment, regardless of whether the treatment is motivated by sexual desire.

Prohibited harassment is not just sexual harassment but harassment based on any protected

category.

### **Non-Discrimination**

The Company is committed to compliance with all applicable laws providing equal employment opportunities. This commitment applies to all persons involved in Company operations. The Company prohibits unlawful discrimination against any job applicant, employee or unpaid intern by any employee of the Company, including supervisors and coworkers.

Pay discrimination between employees of the opposite sex or between employees of another race or ethnicity performing substantially similar work, as defined by the California Fair Pay Act and federal law, is prohibited. Pay differentials may be valid in certain situations defined by law. Employees will not be retaliated against for inquiring about or discussing wages. However, Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. is not obligated to disclose the wages of other employees.

### Anti-Retaliation

The Company will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint or participating in any workplace investigation or complaint process, and will not tolerate or permit retaliation by management, employees or co-workers.

### Reasonable Accommodation

Discrimination can also include failing to reasonably accommodate religious practices or qualified individuals with disabilities where the accommodation does not pose an undue hardship.

To comply with applicable laws ensuring equal employment opportunities to qualified individuals with a disability, the Company will make reasonable accommodations for the known physical or mental limitations of an otherwise qualified individual with a disability who is an applicant or an employee unless undue hardship would result.

Any job applicant or employee who requires an accommodation in order to perform the essential functions of the job should contact an HR Manager and discuss the need for an accommodation. The Company will engage in an interactive process with the employee to identify possible accommodations, if any, that will help the applicant or employee perform the job. An applicant, employee or unpaid intern who requires an accommodation of a religious belief or practice (including religious dress and grooming practices, such as religious clothing or hairstyles) should also contact an HR Manager and discuss the need for an accommodation. If

the accommodation is reasonable and will not impose an undue hardship, the Company will make the accommodation.

The Company will not retaliate against you for requesting a reasonable accommodation and will not knowingly tolerate or permit retaliation by management, employees or co-workers.

### **Complaint Process**

If you believe that you have been the subject of harassment, discrimination, retaliation or other prohibited conduct, bring your complaint to your supervisor or to the

• The HR Manager

as soon as possible after the incident. You can bring your complaint to any of these individuals. If you need assistance with your complaint, or if you prefer to make a complaint in person, contact the HR Manager. Please provide all known details of the incident or incidents, names of individuals involved and names of any witnesses. It would be best to communicate your complaint in writing, but it is not mandatory.

The Company encourages all individuals to report any incidents of harassment, discrimination, retaliation or other prohibited conduct forbidden by this policy immediately so that complaints can be quickly and fairly resolved.

You also should be aware that the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing investigate and prosecute complaints of prohibited harassment, discrimination and retaliation in employment. If you think you have been harassed or discriminated against or that you have been retaliated against for resisting, complaining or participating in an investigation, you may file a complaint with the appropriate agency. The nearest office can be found by visiting the agency websites at <u>www.dfeh.ca.gov</u> and <u>www.eeoc.gov</u>.

Supervisors must refer all complaints involving harassment, discrimination, retaliation or other prohibited conduct to the HR Manager of the Company so the Company can try to resolve the complaint.

When the Company receives allegations of misconduct, it will immediately undertake a fair, timely, thorough and objective investigation of the allegations in accordance with all legal requirements. The Company will reach reasonable conclusions based on the evidence collected.

The Company will maintain confidentiality to the extent possible. However, the Company cannot promise complete confidentiality. The employer's duty to investigate and take corrective action may require the disclosure of information to individuals with a need to know.

Complaints will be:

• Responded to in a timely manner

- Kept confidential to the extent possible
- Investigated impartially by qualified personnel in a timely manner
- Documented and tracked for reasonable progress
- Given appropriate options for remedial action and resolution
- Closed in a timely manner

If the Company determines that harassment, discrimination, retaliation or other prohibited conduct has occurred; appropriate and effective corrective and remedial action will be taken in accordance with the circumstances involved. The Company will also will take appropriate action to deter future misconduct.

Any employee determined by the Company to have engaged in harassment, discrimination, retaliation or other prohibited conduct will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, up to, and including termination. Employees should also know that if they engage in unlawful harassment, they can be held personally liable for the misconduct.

# Confirmation of Harassment Discrimination and Retaliation Prevention Policy

I have received my copy of the Company's Harassment, Discrimination and Retaliation Prevention policy. I understand and agree that it is my responsibility to read and familiarize myself with this policy.

I understand that the Company is committed to providing a work environment that is free from harassment, discrimination and retaliation. My signature certifies that I understand that I must conform to and abide by the rules and requirements described in this policy.

Employee's Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Employee's Printed Name

# At-Will Employment Status

Employees at Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. personnel are employed on an at-will basis. This means that the employment relationship may be terminated at any time with or without reason or advance notice by either the employee or the Company. Nothing in this handbook limits the right to terminate at-will employment.

No employee or representative of the Company has any authority to enter into an agreement for employment for any specified period of time or to make an agreement for employment on other than at-will terms. Only the CEO of Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. has the authority to make any such agreement, which is binding only if it is in writing.

Nothing in this at-will statement is intended to interfere with an employee's rights to communicate or work with others toward altering the terms and conditions of their employment,

such as communications regarding wages, scheduling or other terms of employment.

# **Right to Revise**

This employee handbook contains the employment policies and practices of Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. in effect at the time of publication. All previously issued handbooks and any inconsistent policy statements or memoranda are superseded.

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. reserves the right to revise, modify, delete, or add to any and all policies, procedures, work rules, or benefits stated in this handbook at any time, except for the policy of at-will employment.

Any written changes to this handbook will be distributed to all employees so that you will be aware of any new policies or procedures. No oral statements or representations can in any way alter the provisions of this handbook.

This handbook contains the entire agreement between you and Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. as to the duration of employment and the circumstances under which employment may be terminated. Nothing in this employee handbook or any other personnel document creates or is intended to create a promise or representation of continued employment for any employee.

Nothing in this statement is intended to interfere with your right to communicate or work with others toward altering the terms and conditions of your employment, such as communications regarding wages, scheduling or other terms or conditions of employment.

# **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. is committed to fostering a diverse workforce, and maintaining a workplace that is equitable, inclusive and safe for all employees. From recruiting

practices, to pay and benefits, promotions, and all other aspects of employment with us, an environment of equity is of the utmost importance.

We not only recognize that you, our employees, comprise a wide range of backgrounds and characteristics, but we believe those differences should be celebrated and valued. Whether it's race, religion, gender, national origin, ancestry, color, language, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, physical or mental disability, medical condition, genetic information/characteristics, veteran status, political affiliation or any other characteristic, these are parts of each of you that contribute to your experiences as humans, and ultimately to the knowledge and expertise that make you a valuable asset to the Company.

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. is committed and determined that there is access, opportunity and advancement for all individuals. We are always looking for ways in which we can cultivate an inclusive work environment, strengthen our cultural competency, and train our managers and employees to provide opportunities for growth and development.

It is our intention that all our employees, regardless of any particular background or characteristic, are always treated with respect and dignity. Likewise, we expect that as our employees, you treat your coworkers, supervisors and other team members with the same dignity and respect at all times.

Disrespect, inappropriate behavior or conduct toward others will not be tolerated and may subject an employee to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

If you feel you have been mistreated, harassed, or discriminated or retaliated against in violation of the Company's *Harassment, Discrimination and Retaliation Prevention* policy, please contact your supervisor or HR Manager.

# <u>Hiring</u>

# **Job Duties**

During the introductory period, your supervisor will explain your job responsibilities and the performance standards expected of you. Please keep in mind that your job responsibilities may change at any time during your employment. From time to time, you may be asked to work on special projects, or to assist with other work necessary or important to the operation of your department or Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc.. Your cooperation and assistance in performing such additional work is expected.

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. reserves the right, at any time, with or without notice, to alter or change job responsibilities, reassign or transfer job positions, or assign additional job responsibilities.

# **Time Off and Leaves of Absence**

### **Bereavement Leave**

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. grants time off to eligible employees in the event of the death of a "family member."

To be eligible for bereavement leave, you must be employed for at least 30 days prior to starting leave.

If you are eligible and experience the death of a family member, you may take up to five days of bereavement leave.

For purposes of this policy, a family member is a:

- Spouse
- Domestic Partner
- Child
- Parent
- Parent-in-law
- Sibling
- Grandparent
- Grandchild

The days of bereavement leave do not need to be taken consecutively, however, you must complete your bereavement leave within three months of your family member's death, at which time any remaining unused bereavement leave will expire.

Bereavement leave is unpaid; however, you may choose to use previously accrued paid leave time available to you.

You must provide documentation to support the need for bereavement leave, which may include a death certificate; a published obituary; or a verification of death, burial or memorial services from a mortuary, funeral home, burial society, crematorium, religious institution or government agency.

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. may, at its discretion, approve additional unpaid time off.

### **Reproductive Loss Leave**

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. grants time off to eligible employees following a reproductive loss event.

To be eligible for reproductive loss leave, you must be employed for at least 30 days prior to starting leave.

If you are eligible and experience a reproductive loss event, you may take up to five days of reproductive loss leave within three months of the loss. Leave days do not have to be consecutive. If you experience multiple events, an additional 5-days can be received. The total amount of leave is capped at 20 days in a 12-month period.

For purposes of this policy, a reproductive loss event can be defined as:

- The final day of a failed adoption
- Failed surrogacy
- Miscarriage
- Stillbirth
- Unsuccessful assisted reproduction

Reproductive loss leave is unpaid; however, you may choose to use previously accrued paid leave time available to you.

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. may, at its discretion, approve additional unpaid time off.

### **Civil Air Patrol Leave**

No employee with more than 90 days of service shall be disciplined for taking time off to perform emergency duty as a volunteer in the California Civil Air Patrol. If you are a Civil Air Patrol volunteer, please alert your supervisor that you may have to take time off for emergency duty. When taking time off for emergency duty, please alert your supervisor before doing so, giving as much advance notice as possible.

Up to 10 days of leave for duty may be taken each year. However, leave for a single emergency

mission cannot exceed three days, unless the emergency is extended by the entity in charge of the operation and the extension of leave is approved by the Company.

# **Crime or Abuse Victims' Leave and Accommodation**

If you are the victim of crime or abuse, you are eligible for unpaid leave. While the leave is generally unpaid, employees can use their paid sick time under California's Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act for the purposes described below.

You are considered a victim of crime or abuse who is eligible for unpaid leave if you are:

- A victim of stalking, domestic violence, or sexual assault;
- A victim of a crime that caused physical injury or that caused mental injury and a threat of physical injury;
- A person whose immediate family member is deceased as a result of a crime. "Immediate family member" includes:
  - Regardless of age, your biological, adoptive, or foster child, stepchild, or legal ward, a child of a registered domestic partner, a child to whom you stand in loco parentis, or a person to whom you stood in loco parentis when the person was a minor;

- Your biological, adoptive, or foster parent, stepparent, or legal guardian or that of your spouse or registered domestic partner, or a person who stood in loco parentis when you or your spouse or registered domestic partner was a minor child;
- Your legal spouse or registered domestic partner;
- Your biological, foster, or adoptive sibling, a stepsibling, or half-sibling; or
- Any other individual whose close association with you is the equivalent of a family relationship described in any of the bullets above.

You may request leave if you are involved in a legal action, such as obtaining restraining orders, or appearing in court to obtain relief to ensure your or your child's health, safety, or welfare. Please provide reasonable advance notice of the need for leave, unless advance notice is not feasible. Contact HR Manager.

If you need a reasonable accommodation for your safety at work, contact HR Manager. If you are requesting a reasonable accommodation, you will need to submit a written statement signed by you, or by an individual acting on your behalf, certifying that the accommodation is for the purpose of your safety at work.

For reasonable accommodation requests, the Company will also require certification demonstrating that you are the victim of crime or abuse. The Company may request recertification every six months. Please notify the Company if an approved accommodation is no longer needed.

The Company will engage in an interactive process with you to identify possible accommodations, if any, that are effective and will make reasonable accommodations unless an undue hardship will result.

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. will, to the extent allowed by law, maintain the confidentiality of an employee requesting leave or accommodation under these provisions.

# **Crime or Abuse Victims' Leave for Treatment**

If you are the victim of crime or abuse, you are eligible for unpaid leave. While the leave is generally unpaid, employees can use their paid sick time under California's Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act for the purposes described below.

You are considered a victim of crime or abuse who is eligible for unpaid leave if you are:

- A victim of stalking, domestic violence, or sexual assault;
- A victim of a crime that caused physical injury or that caused mental injury and a threat of physical injury; or
- A person whose immediate family member is deceased as a result of a crime. "Immediate family member" includes:
  - Regardless of age, your biological, adoptive, or foster child, stepchild, or legal ward, a child of a registered domestic partner, a child to whom you stand in loco parentis, or a person to whom you stood in loco parentis when the person was a minor;

- Your biological, adoptive, or foster parent, stepparent, or legal guardian or that of your spouse or registered domestic partner, or a person who stood in loco parentis when you or your spouse or registered domestic partner was a minor child;
- Your legal spouse or registered domestic partner;
- Your biological, foster, or adoptive sibling, a stepsibling, or half-sibling; or
- Any other individual whose close association with you is the equivalent of a family relationship described in any of the bullets above.

You may request leave for any of the following purposes:

- To seek medical attention for injuries caused by crime or abuse;
- To obtain services from a domestic violence shelter, program, rape crisis center, or victim services organization or agency as a result of the crime or abuse;
- To obtain psychological counseling or mental health services related to experiencing crime or abuse;
- To participate in safety planning and take other actions to increase safety from future crime or abuse, including temporary or permanent relocation.

Please provide reasonable advance notice of the need for leave unless advance notice is not feasible. Contact HR Manager.

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. will, to the extent allowed by law, maintain the confidentiality of an employee requesting leave under this provision.

The length of unpaid leave an employee may take is limited to 12 weeks provided for in the federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) for eligible employees.

### **Extended Medical Leave**

On occasion, an employee may need a medical leave of absence that extends beyond limits under any state or federal mandatory leave law. In addition, there may be circumstances when an employee needs a medical leave allowed under disability laws and in accordance with this policy.

In these situations, an extended medical leave of absence may be granted for medical disabilities (other than pregnancy, childbirth, and related medical conditions) with a doctor's written certificate of disability. Extended disability leaves will also be considered on a case-by-case basis, consistent with the Company's obligations under federal and state disability laws.

Employees should request any leave in writing and as far in advance as possible.

A medical leave begins on the first day your doctor certifies that you are unable to work, and ends when your doctor certifies that you are able to return to work. Your supervisor will provide you with a form for your doctor to complete, showing the date you were disabled and the estimated date you will be able to return to work. When returning from a medical disability leave, you must present a doctor's certificate declaring fitness to return to work.

Upon return from medical leave, you will be offered the same position you held at the time your leave began, if available. If your former position is not available, a comparable position will be offered. If neither the same nor a comparable position is available, your return to work will depend on job openings existing at the time of your scheduled return. Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. makes no guarantees of reinstatement, and your return will depend on your qualifications for existing openings. Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. will comply with any reinstatement obligations under state or federal law.

California workers' compensation laws govern work-related injuries and illnesses. California pregnancy disability laws govern leaves taken because of pregnancy, childbirth, and related medical conditions.

An employee that needs reasonable accommodations should contact HR Manager and discuss the need for an accommodation.

# FMLA

The federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) provides up to 12 workweeks of unpaid family/medical leave within a 12-month period, under the following conditions:

- You have been employed with the Company for a total of at least 12 months prior to the commencement of leave. The 12 months of employment must have accumulated within the previous seven years (certain exceptions apply);
- You have worked at least 1,250 hours during the previous 12-month period before the need for leave\*; and
- You are employed at a worksite where there are 50 or more employees within a 75-mile radius.

\*Special hours of service eligibility requirements apply to airline flight crew employees.

Leave may be taken for one or more of the following reasons:

- Your serious health condition that makes you unable to perform your job;
- To care for your family member who has a serious health condition. For purposes of FMLA leave, a "family member" includes your:
  - Spouse.
  - Parent.
  - Child under the age of 18, or child over the age of 18 and incapable of self-care due to mental or physical disability at the time FMLA leave is to begin.
- The birth of your child, or placement of a child with you for adoption or foster care;
- Because of a qualifying exigency related to covered active duty or a call to covered active duty of your spouse, child or parent in the Armed Forces of the United States, or to care for a covered servicemember. (See *Military Family Leave Entitlements* below.)
- Incapacity due to pregnancy, prenatal medical care or child birth

Depending on your reason for leave, you may also be eligible for California Family Rights Act (CFRA) leave, in which case both your FMLA leave and CFRA leave will run concurrently. (See the *CFRA Leave* policy for additional information and CFRA leave eligibility.)

For additional information about eligibility for FMLA and how it may or may not interact with CFRA leave, contact HR Manager.

### Military Family Leave Entitlements

- Eligible employees whose spouse, son, daughter or parent is on covered active duty or call to covered active duty status may use their 12-week leave entitlement for certain qualifying exigencies. Qualifying exigencies may include attending certain military events, arranging for alternative childcare, addressing certain financial and legal arrangements, attending certain counseling sessions, and attending post-deployment reintegration briefings.
- Eligible employees may also take a special leave entitlement of up to 26 weeks of leave during a single 12-month period to care for a covered servicemember. A covered servicemember is either:
  - A current member of the Armed forces, including a member of the National Guard or Reserves, who is undergoing medical treatment, recuperation or therapy, is otherwise in outpatient status, or is otherwise on the temporary disability retired list, for a serious injury or illness\*; or
  - A veteran who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable at any time during the five-year period prior to the first date the eligible employee takes FMLA leave to care for the covered veteran, and who is undergoing medical

treatment, recuperation, or therapy for a serious injury or illness.\*

\*The FMLA definitions of "serious injury or illness" for current servicemembers and veterans are different from the FMLA definition of "serious health condition."

### Calculating the 12-month Period

For purposes of calculating the 12-month period during which 12 weeks of family and medical leave or qualifying exigency leaves may be taken under FMLA, Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. uses Calendar year.

Under most circumstances, leave under federal and state law will run at the same time and an eligible employee will be entitled to a total of 12 weeks of family and medical leave in the designated 12-month period.

For leave to care for a covered servicemember, the 12-month period begins on the first day of the leave, regardless of how the 12-month period is calculated for other leaves. Leave to care for a covered servicemember is for a maximum of 26 workweeks during a 12-month period.

### Pregnancy, Childbirth or Related Conditions and Baby Bonding

Time off because of pregnancy disability, childbirth or related medical condition counts as FMLA leave, but not for CFRA leave. Employees who take time off for pregnancy disability and who are eligible for FMLA will be placed on FMLA that runs at the same time as their pregnancy disability leave (PDL).

Once the pregnant employee is no longer disabled, or once the employee has given birth and exhausted PDL, the employee may apply for leave under the CFRA, for purposes of baby bonding.

Under the FMLA, leave taken for the birth, adoption, or foster care placement of a child must be taken as a continuous block of leave unless the Company grants intermittent leave. If, however, your baby bonding leave is under both FMLA and CFRA (running concurrently), such leave does not have to be taken in one continuous period of time: CFRA leave taken for the birth or placement of a child will be granted in minimum amounts of two weeks. However, the Company will grant a request for a CFRA leave (for birth/placement of a child) of less than two weeks' duration on any two occasions. The Company may also grant additional requests for leave lasting less than two weeks at its discretion. Any leave taken (under either FMLA or CFRA) must be concluded within one year of the birth or placement of the child with the employee.

#### Leave Procedures

The following procedures shall apply to FMLA leave:

- Please contact HR Manager as soon as you realize the need for family/medical leave. If the leave is based on the expected birth, placement for adoption or foster care, or planned medical treatment for your serious health condition or that of a family member, you must notify the Company at least 30 days before leave is to begin. You must consult with your supervisor regarding scheduling of any planned medical treatment or supervision in order to minimize disruption to the operations of the Company. Any such scheduling is subject to the approval of your health care provider or the health care provider of your child, parent, or spouse.
- If you cannot provide 30 days' notice, the Company must be informed as soon as is practical.
- If the FMLA request is made because of your own serious health condition, the Company may require, at its expense, a second opinion from a health care provider that the Company chooses. The health care provider designated to give a second opinion will not be one who is employed on a regular basis by the Company.
- If the second opinion differs from the first opinion, the Company may require you, at the Company's expense, to obtain the opinion of a third health care provider designated or approved jointly by you and the employer. The opinion of the third health care provider shall be considered final and binding on you and the Company.

#### Certification

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. requires you to provide certification. You will have 15 calendar days from the Company's request for certification to provide it to the Company, unless it is not practical to do so. The Company may require recertification from the health care provider if you request additional leave upon expiration of the time period in the original certification. (*For example, if you need two weeks of family and medical leave, but following the two weeks you need intermittent leave, a new medical certification will be requested and required.*) If you do not provide medical certification in a timely manner to substantiate the need for family and medical leave, the Company may delay approval of the leave, or continuation thereof, until certification is received. If certification is never received, the leave may not be considered FMLA leave.

If the leave is needed to care for a sick family member, you must provide a certification from the health care provider stating:

- Date of commencement of the serious health condition;
- Probable duration of the condition;
- Estimated amount of time for care by the health care provider; and
- Confirmation that the serious health condition warrants your participation.

Under the FMLA, when both parents are employed by the Company, and request simultaneous leave for the birth or placement for adoption or foster care of a child, the Company will not grant more than a total of 12 workweeks of FMLA leave for this reason. However, if baby bonding leave is under both FMLA and CFRA (running concurrently), each parent employed by the Company is entitled to 12 workweeks of leave for this reason.

If your serious health condition is the reason for leave, you must provide a certification from the health care provider stating:

- Date of commencement of the serious health condition;
- Probable duration of the condition; and
- Your inability to work at all or to perform any one or more of the essential functions of your position because of the serious health condition.

If you are on leave because of your own serious health condition, the Company will also require a medical release to return to work form or certification from your health care provider that you are able to resume work.

Failure to provide a release to return to work from your health care provider may result in denial of reinstatement until the certificate is obtained.

#### Leave Related to Military Service

A leave taken due to a "qualifying exigency" related to military service must be supported by a certification of its necessity. A leave taken due to the need to care for a servicemember must be supported by a certification by the servicemember's health care provider or other certification

allowed by law. Special certification requirements apply to leaves related to military service.

#### Health and Benefit Plans

If you are taking FMLA leave, you will be allowed to continue participating in any health and welfare benefit plans in which you were enrolled in before the first day of the leave (for a maximum of 12 workweeks, or 26 workweeks if the leave is to care for a covered servicemember) at the level and under the conditions of coverage as if you had continued in employment for the duration of such leave. The Company will continue to make the same premium contribution as if you had continued working. The continued participation in health benefits begins on the date leave first begins. In some instances, the Company may recover premiums paid to maintain health coverage if you fail to return to work following FMLA leave.

Employees on pregnancy disability leave will be allowed to continue to participate in group health coverage for up to a maximum of four months of pregnancy disability leave (if such insurance was provided before the leave was taken) on the same terms as if you had continued to work. The right to continued group health coverage during pregnancy disability leave is a separate and distinct entitlement from the CFRA entitlement.

#### Substitution of Paid Leave

Generally, FMLA leave is unpaid. The Company may require, or you may choose, to use accrued paid leave while taking FMLA leave. In order to use paid leave for FMLA leave, you must comply with the Company's normal paid leave policies. For more information on those specific circumstances requiring or allowing the substitution of paid leave contact HR Manager.

#### Reinstatement

Under most circumstances, upon return from FMLA leave, you will be reinstated to your original job or to an equivalent job with equivalent pay, benefits, and other employment terms and conditions. However, an employee has no greater right to reinstatement than if the employee had been continuously employed rather than on leave. For example, if an employee on FMLA leave would have been laid off had the employee not gone on leave, or if the employee's job is eliminated during the leave and no equivalent or comparable job is available, then the employee would not be entitled to reinstatement. In addition, an employee's use of FMLA leave will not result in the loss of any employment benefit that the employee earned before using FMLA leave.

Reinstatement after FMLA leave may be denied to certain salaried "key" employees under the following conditions (however, this exception will not apply if the FMLA leave runs concurrently with CFRA leave):

• An employee requesting reinstatement was among the highest-paid 10 percent of salaried employees employed within 75 miles of the worksite at which the employee worked at the

time of the leave request;

- The refusal to reinstate is necessary because reinstatement would cause substantial and grievous economic injury to the Company's operations;
- The employee is notified of the Company's intent to refuse reinstatement at the time the Company determines the refusal is necessary; and
- If leave has already begun, the Company gives the employee a reasonable opportunity to return to work following the notice described previously.

### Time Accrual

Please contact HR Manager with any questions regarding accrual of other Company provided paid leave benefits (such as vacation, PTO or sick leave) during unpaid FMLA leave.

### Carryover

Leave granted under any of the reasons provided by FMLA and/or CFRA will be counted as family/medical leave and will be considered as part of the 12-workweek entitlement (26-workweek entitlement if leave is to care for a servicemember) in any 12-month period. No carryover of unused leave from one 12-month period to the next 12-month period is permitted.

### Intermittent Leave

You may take FMLA leave intermittently (in blocks of time, or by reducing your normal weekly or daily work schedule) if the leave is for your serious health condition or that of a qualifying family member and the reduced leave schedule is medically necessary as determined by the health care provider of the person with the serious health condition. The smallest increment of time that can be used for such leave is .25.

See also the discussion of *Pregnancy, Childbirth or Related Conditions and Baby Bonding* above.

# CFRA

California's California Family Rights Act (CFRA) provides up to 12 workweeks of unpaid family/medical leave within a 12-month period, under the following conditions:

- You have been employed with the Company for a total of at least 12 months prior to the commencement of leave. The 12 months of employment must have accumulated within the previous seven years (certain exceptions apply); and
- You have worked at least 1,250 hours during the previous 12-month period before the need for leave\*.

\*Special hours of service eligibility requirements apply to airline flight crew employees.

Leave may be taken for one or more of the following reasons:

- Your serious health condition that makes you unable to perform your job;
- To care for your family member who has a serious health condition. For purposes of CFRA leave, a "family member" includes your:
  - Spouse;
  - Parent;
  - Child of any age;
  - Registered domestic partner;
  - Grandparent;
  - Grandchild;
  - Sibling;
  - Parent-in-law;
  - "Designated person." This is someone else with a blood or family-like relationship with you. You may identify this individual at the time you request leave. You are limited to one designated person per 12-month period for purposes of CFRA leave.
- The birth of your child, or placement of a child with you for adoption or foster care;
- Because of a qualifying exigency related to covered active duty or a call to covered active duty of your spouse, registered domestic partner, child, or parent in the Armed Forces of the United States. (See *Qualifying Exigencies Related to Active Duty* below.)

Please note that incapacity due to pregnancy, prenatal medical care or childbirth is not an eligible reason for CFRA leave. However, if you are eligible for leave under the Family Medical

Leave Act (FMLA), then such leave will run concurrently with FMLA. (See *Pregnancy Disability Leave* and *FMLA Leave* policies for additional information).

If you are also eligible for leave under the FMLA, and depending on your reason for CFRA leave, FMLA may run concurrently with your CFRA leave. (See the *FMLA Leave* policy for additional information regarding FMLA leave eligibility).

For additional information about eligibility for CFRA leave and how it may or may not interact with FMLA leave, contact HR Manager.

### Qualifying Exigencies Related to Active Duty

• Eligible employees whose spouse, domestic partner, child or parent is on covered active duty or call to covered active duty status may use their 12-week leave entitlement for certain qualifying exigencies. Qualifying exigencies may include, but are not necessarily limited to, attending certain military events, arranging for alternative childcare, addressing certain financial and legal arrangements, attending certain counseling sessions, and attending post-deployment reintegration briefings.

### Calculating the 12-month Period

For purposes of calculating the 12-month period during which 12 weeks of CFRA leave may be taken, Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. uses Calendar year.

#### Pregnancy, Childbirth or Related Conditions and Baby Bonding

Leave because of a disability for pregnancy, childbirth or related medical condition is not counted as time used under CFRA leave. Employees who take time off for pregnancy disability will be placed on pregnancy disability leave (PDL). (See *Pregnancy Disability Leave* policy for more information.)

If an employee is eligible for FMLA leave, then PDL will run concurrently with FMLA. (See *FMLA Leave* policy for additional information).

Once the pregnant employee is no longer disabled, or once the employee has given birth and exhausted PDL, the employee may apply for leave under the CFRA, for purposes of baby bonding.

Any leave taken for the birth, adoption, or foster care placement of a child does not have to be taken in one continuous period of time. CFRA leave taken for the birth or placement of a child will be granted in minimum amounts of two weeks. However, the Company will grant a request for a CFRA leave (for birth/placement of a child) of less than two weeks' duration on any two occasions. The Company may also grant additional requests for leave lasting less than two weeks at its discretion. Any leave taken must be concluded within one year of the birth or placement of the child with the employee.

#### Leave Procedures

The following procedures shall apply to CFRA leave:

- Please contact HR Manager as soon as you realize the need for family/medical leave. If the leave is based on the expected birth, placement for adoption or foster care, or planned medical treatment for your serious health condition or that of a family member, you must notify the Company at least 30 days before leave is to begin. You must consult with your supervisor regarding scheduling of any planned medical treatment or supervision in order to minimize disruption to the operations of the Company. Any such scheduling is subject to the approval of your health care provider or the health care provider of your family member.
- If you cannot provide 30 days' notice, the Company must be informed as soon as is practical.
- If the CFRA request is made because of your own serious health condition, the Company may require, at its expense, a second opinion from a health care provider that the Company chooses. The health care provider designated to give a second opinion will not be one who is employed on a regular basis by the Company.
- If the second opinion differs from the first opinion, the Company may require you, at the Company's expense, to obtain the opinion of a third health care provider designated or approved jointly by you and the employer. The opinion of the third health care provider

shall be considered final and binding on you and the Company.

### Certification

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. requires you to provide certification. You will have 15 calendar days from the Company's request for certification to provide it to the Company, unless it is not practical to do so. The Company may require recertification from the health care provider if you request additional leave upon expiration of the time period in the original certification. (For example, if you need two weeks of family and medical leave, but following the two weeks you need intermittent leave, a new medical certification will be requested and required.) If you do not provide medical certification in a timely manner to substantiate the need for family and medical leave, the Company may delay approval of the leave, or continuation thereof, until certification is received. If certification is never received, the leave may not be considered CFRA leave.

If the leave is needed to care for a sick family member, you must provide a certification from the health care provider stating:

- Date of commencement of the serious health condition;
- Probable duration of the condition;
- Estimated amount of time for care by the health care provider; and
- Confirmation that the serious health condition warrants your participation

If your serious health condition is the reason for leave, you must provide a certification from the health care provider stating:

- Date of commencement of the serious health condition;
- Probable duration of the condition; and
- Your inability to work at all or to perform any one or more of the essential functions of your position because of the serious health condition.

If you are on leave because of your own serious health condition, the Company will also require a medical release to return to work form or certification from your health care provider that you are able to resume work.

Failure to provide a release to return to work from your health care provider may result in denial of reinstatement until the certificate is obtained.

### Leave Related to Military Service

A leave taken due to a "qualifying exigency" related to military service must be supported by a certification of its necessity. Special certification requirements apply to leaves related to military service.

### Reinstatement

Under most circumstances, upon return from CFRA leave, you will be reinstated to your original job or to an equivalent job with equivalent pay, benefits, and other employment terms and conditions. However, an employee has no greater right to reinstatement than if the employee had been continuously employed rather than on leave. For example, if an employee on CFRA leave would have been laid off had the employee not gone on leave, or if the employee's job is eliminated during the leave and no equivalent or comparable job is available, then the employee would not be entitled to reinstatement. In addition, an employee's use of CFRA leave will not result in the loss of any employment benefit that the employee earned before using CFRA leave.

If you are on a FMLA-only leave, without CFRA running concurrently, there may be conditions in which you may be denied reinstatement if you are a "key" employee. (Please refer to the *Reinstatement* section of the *FMLA Leave* policy for additional information.)

### Sick Leave Accrual

Please contact HR Manager with any questions regarding accrual of California Paid Sick Leave.

### Carryover

Leave granted under any of the reasons provided by CFRA and/or FMLA will be counted as family/medical leave and will be considered as part of the 12-workweek entitlement in any 12-month period. No carryover of unused leave from one 12-month period to the next 12-month period is permitted.

#### Intermittent Leave

You may take CFRA leave intermittently (in blocks of time, or by reducing your normal weekly or daily work schedule) if the leave is for your serious health condition or that of a qualifying family member and the reduced leave schedule is medically necessary as determined by the health care provider of the person with the serious health condition. The smallest increment of time that can be used for such leave is .25.

See also the discussion of *Pregnancy, Childbirth or Related Conditions and Baby Bonding* above.

### Jury Duty and Witness Leave

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. encourages employees to serve on jury duty when called. You should notify your supervisor of the need for time off for jury duty as soon as a

notice or summons from the court is received. You may be requested to provide written verification from the court clerk of performance of jury service. If work time remains after any day of jury selection or jury duty, you will be expected to return to work for the remainder of your work schedule.

### Fees Paid by the Court

You may retain any mileage allowance or other fee paid by the court for jury services.

## **Military Spouse Leave**

Employees who work more than 20 hours per week and have a spouse or registered domestic partner in the Armed Forces, National Guard or Reserves who have been deployed during a period of military conflict are eligible for up to 10 unpaid days off when their spouse is on leave from (not returning from) military deployment.

You must request this leave in writing to HR Manager within two business days of receiving official notice that your spouse will be on leave. You must attach to the leave request written documentation certifying that your spouse will be on leave from deployment.

# **Organ and Bone Marrow Donor Leave**

Employees who are donors for organ or bone marrow may take time off as follows:

- You must be employed for at least a 90-day period immediately before the beginning of leave.
- You may take up to 30 business days of paid leave, and up to an additional 30 business days of unpaid leave in any one-year period for the purpose of donating an organ to another person. The one-year period is calculated from the date the employee begins their leave.
- You may take up to 5 business days of leave in any one-year period for the purpose of donating bone marrow to another person. The one-year period is calculated from the date the employee's leave begins.
- During the leave for organ/bone marrow donors, Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. will continue to provide and pay for any group health plan benefits the employee was enrolled in prior to the leave of absence.
- Leave taken for the purpose of organ or bone marrow donation is not leave for the purpose of family medical leave under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act or the state California Family Rights Act.

Employees who wish to take a leave of absence to donate bone marrow or an organ will be required to provide written verification of the need for leave, including confirmation that the employee is an organ or bone marrow donor and that there is a medical necessity for the donation of the organ or bone marrow.

# Paid Time Off

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. does not provide paid time off (PTO) benefits, other than California Paid Sick Leave.

# Pregnancy Disability Leave Five or More Employees

If you are pregnant, have a related medical condition, or are recovering from childbirth, please review this policy. Any employee planning to take pregnancy disability leave (PDL) should advise the personnel department as early as possible. Please make an appointment with the personnel manager to discuss the following conditions:

• The length of pregnancy disability leave will be determined by the advice of your physician, but employees disabled by pregnancy may take up to four months of leave per pregnancy (the working days you normally would work in one-third of a year or 17 1/3 weeks). Part-time employees are entitled to leave on a pro rata basis. The four months of leave includes any period of time for actual disability caused by your pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical condition. This includes leave for severe morning sickness and for prenatal care, doctor-ordered bed rest, as well as other reasons. Your healthcare

provider determines how much time you need for your disability;

- Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. will also reasonably accommodate medical needs related to pregnancy, childbirth, or related conditions or temporarily transfer you to a less strenuous or hazardous position (where one is available) or duties if medically needed because of your pregnancy;
- If you need to take PDL, you must inform Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. when a leave is expected to begin and how long it will likely last. If the need for a leave, reasonable accommodation, or transfer is foreseeable (such as the expected birth of a child or a planned medical treatment for yourself), you must provide at least 30 days advance notice before the PDL or transfer is to begin. Consult with the personnel manager regarding the scheduling of any planned medical treatment or supervision in order to minimize disruption to the operations of the Company. Any such scheduling is subject to the approval of your healthcare provider;
- For emergencies or events that are unforeseeable, we need you to notify the Company, at least verbally, as soon as practical after you learn of the need for the leave;
- Failure to comply with these notice requirements may result in delay of PDL, reasonable accommodation, or transfer;
- Pregnancy leave usually begins when ordered by your healthcare provider. You must provide Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. with a written certification from a health care provider for need of PDL, reasonable accommodation or transfer. The certification must be returned no later than 15 calendar days after it is requested by the Company. Failure to do so may, in some circumstances, delay PDL, reasonable accommodation or transfer. Please see the personnel department for a medical certification form to give to your healthcare provider;
- Leave returns will be allowed only when your healthcare provider sends a release;

- You are allowed to use accrued sick time (if otherwise eligible to take the time) during PDL; and
- Leave does not need to be taken in one continuous period of time and may be taken intermittently, as needed. Leave may be taken in increments of 15 min.

If intermittent leave or leave on a reduced work schedule is medically advisable you may, in some instances, be required to transfer temporarily to an available alternative position that meets your needs. The alternative position does not need to have equivalent job duties, but must have the equivalent rate of pay and benefits, and you must be qualified for the position. The position must better accommodate your leave requirements than your regular job. Transfer to an alternative position can include altering an existing job to better accommodate your need for intermittent leave or a reduced work schedule.

When your healthcare provider releases you to return to work, from PDL, you will be reinstated to your same position held at the time the leave began or, in certain instances, to a comparable position, if available. There are limited exceptions to this policy. An employee returning from a pregnancy disability leave has no greater right to reinstatement than if the employee had been continuously employed.

If you are on PDL, you will be allowed to continue to participate in group health insurance coverage for up to a maximum of four months of disability leave (if such insurance was provided before the leave was taken) at the level and under the conditions that coverage would have been provided if you had continued in employment continuously for the duration of the leave. In some instances, the Company can recover premiums paid to maintain your health coverage if you fail to return from PDL. PDL may impact other benefits or a seniority date. Please contact the personnel department for more information.

### Sick Leave

California provides for mandatory paid sick leave under the Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act (the "Act"). This paid sick leave policy is intended to comply with the requirements of the Act.

You cannot be discriminated or retaliated against for requesting or using accrued paid sick time.

If you have any questions about paid sick leave, please contact the HR Manager.

### Eligible Employees

All employees who have worked in California for the same employer for 30 or more days within a year from the start of their employment will be entitled to paid sick time.

However, employees are not eligible to take paid sick time until they have been employed by the Company for 90-days from their date of hire.

### Sick Pay Amount

Eligible employees will receive sick leave as follows:

Upon eligibility, Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. will provide employees with five days or 40 hours of paid sick time. The full amount will be placed into your leave bank at this time, and you have to meet the 90-day employment requirement before taking any leave.

*Unused paid sick time will not carry over from year to year.* However, Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. will place five days or 40 hours of paid sick time into your leave bank on January 1 of each year (for eligible employees). You will be able to access all five days or 40 hours of paid sick time at the beginning of each 12-month period.

#### **Qualifying Reasons for Paid Sick Leave**

Paid sick time can be used for the following reasons:

- Diagnosis, care or treatment of an existing health condition for an employee or covered family member, as defined below.
- Preventive care for an employee or an employee's covered family member. Preventive care may include self-quarantine as a result of potential exposure to COVID-19 if quarantine is recommended by civil authorities, or other situations, such as where there has been exposure to COVID-19 or where an employee has traveled to a high-risk area.
- For certain, specified purposes when the employee is a victim of crime or abuse.

For purposes of paid sick leave, a covered "family member" includes:

- A "child" defined as a biological, foster or adopted child; a stepchild; or a legal ward, regardless of the age or dependency status of the child. A "child" also may be someone for whom you have accepted the duties and responsibilities of raising, even if they are not your legal child.
- A "parent," defined as a biological, foster or adoptive parent; a stepparent; or a legal guardian of an employee or the employee's spouse or registered domestic partner. A parent may also be someone who accepted the duties and responsibilities of raising you when you were a minor child, even if they are not your legal parent.
- A spouse.
- A registered domestic partner.
- A grandparent.
- A grandchild.
- A sibling.
- A "designated person." A designated person any individual you identify at the time you request paid sick leave. You are limited to one designated person per 12-month period for purposes of paid sick leave.

### Use of Paid Sick Leave

If the need for paid sick leave is foreseeable, you must provide advance oral or written notification to the Supervisor. If the need for paid sick leave is not foreseeable, provide notice to the Supervisor as soon as practical.

Use of paid sick time may run concurrently with other leaves under local, state or federal law.

Paid sick leave can be used in .25 hour increments.

## **Time Off for Voting**

If you do not have sufficient time outside of working hours to vote in an official statewide election, you may take off enough working time to vote, including up to two hours off without loss of pay. This time should be taken at the beginning or the end of the regular working shift, whichever allows for more free time for voting and the least time off work. If you know or have reason to believe that time off will be necessary to be able to vote on election day, you must give your supervisor at least two working days' notice.

### **Criminal Judicial Proceedings and Victims' Rights Leave**

If you are the victim, or the family member of a victim of certain serious crimes, you may take time off from work to attend judicial proceedings related to the crime or to attend proceedings involving rights of the victim.

If you are the family member of a crime victim, you may be eligible to take this leave if you are the crime victim' s spouse, parent, child or sibling. Other family members may also be covered, depending on the purpose of the leave.

The absence from work must be in order to attend judicial proceedings or proceedings involving rights of the victim. Only certain crimes are covered. You must provide reasonable advance notice of your need for leave and documentation related to the proceeding may be required. If advance notice is not possible, you must provide appropriate documentation within a reasonable time after the absence.

Any absences from work to attend judicial proceedings or proceedings involving victim rights are unpaid.

### **Volunteer Civil Service Personnel**

No employee shall be disciplined for taking time off to perform emergency duty as a volunteer firefighter, peace officer, or emergency rescue personnel. Employees who perform emergency duty as a volunteer firefighter, reserve peace officer, or emergency rescue personnel may also take up to a total of fourteen days unpaid leave time per calendar year to engage in required fire, law enforcement or emergency rescue training. Please alert your supervisor that you may

have to take time off for emergency duty or emergency duty training. When taking time off for emergency duty, please alert your supervisor before doing so when possible.

If you are an official volunteer firefighter, reserve peace officer or emergency rescue personnel, please alert your supervisor if you have training. Volunteer firefighters, reserve peace officers and emergency rescue personnel may take up to a total of fourteen days per calendar year to engage in fire, law enforcement or emergency rescue training.

# **Benefits**

# **Lactation Accommodation**

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. recognizes lactating employees' rights to request lactation accommodation, and accommodates lactating employees by providing a reasonable amount of break time and a suitable lactation location to any employee who desires to express breast milk for their infant child, subject to any exemption allowed under applicable law.

If possible, the break time should run concurrently with your normally scheduled break time. Any break time to express breast milk that does not run concurrently with your normally scheduled break time is unpaid.

The lactation location will be private (shielded from view and free from intrusion from co-workers and the public) and located close to your work area. The location will be safe, clean and free of toxic or hazardous materials; have a surface to place a breast pump and other personal items; have a place to sit; and have access to electricity or alternative devices (including, but not limited to extension cords or charging stations) needed to operate an electric or battery-powered breast pump. Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. will also provide access to a sink with running water and a refrigerator suitable for storing milk in close proximity to your workspace. If a refrigerator cannot be provided, Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. will provide another cooling device suitable for storing milk, such as an employer-provided cooler. The lactation location will not be a bathroom or restroom. The room or location may include an employee s private office if it otherwise meets the requirements of the lactation space. Multi-purpose rooms may be used as lactation space if they satisfy the requirements for space; however, use of the room for lactation takes priority over other uses for the time it is in use for lactation purposes.

Employees who desire lactation accommodations should contact Supervisor to request accommodations. An employee s request may be provided orally, by email, or in writing, and need not be submitted on a specific form. We will engage in an interactive process with you to determine when and where lactation breaks will occur. If we cannot provide break time or a location that complies with this policy, we will provide a written response to your request.

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. will not tolerate discrimination or retaliation against employees who exercise their rights to lactation accommodation, including those who request time to express milk at work and/or who lodge a complaint related to the right to lactation accommodation. If you believe you have been denied reasonable break time or adequate space to express milk, or have been otherwise been denied your rights related to lactation accommodation, you have the right to file a complaint with the Labor Commissioner.

# **Paid Family Leave**

Employees may be eligible for Paid Family Leave (PFL) wage replacement benefits, which are funded through payroll deductions and coordinated through the Employment Development

Department (EDD). PFL provides partial pay for up to eight weeks when you need to take leave from work to:

- To care for a parent, parent-in-law, child, spouse, registered domestic partner, grandparent, grandchild, or sibling who is seriously ill;
- To bond with your newborn, foster child or newly adopted child: or
- For a qualifying exigency related to the covered active duty or call to covered active duty of your spouse, registered domestic partner, parent, or child in the Armed Forces of the United States.

The PFL program does not provide employees with a right to a leave of absence; it is limited to a state-mandated wage replacement benefit.

# **Workers' Compensation**

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc., in accordance with state law, provides insurance coverage for employees in case of work-related injury. The workers' compensation benefits provided to injured employees may include:

- Medical care;
- Cash benefits, tax free, to replace lost wages; and
- Assistance to help qualified injured employees return to suitable employment.

To ensure that you receive any workers' compensation benefits to which you may be entitled, you need to:

- Immediately report any work-related injury to your supervisor;
- Seek medical treatment and follow-up care if required;
- Complete a written *Employee's Claim for Workers' Compensation Benefits* (DWC Form 1) and return it to HR Manager; and
- Provide the Company with a certification from your health care provider regarding the need for workers' compensation disability leave, as well as your eventual ability to return to work from the leave.

Upon submission of a medical certification that an employee is able to return to work after a workers' compensation leave, the employee under most circumstances will be reinstated to their same position held at the time the leave began, or to an equivalent position, if available. An employee returning from a workers' compensation leave has no greater right to reinstatement than if the employee had been continuously employed rather than on leave.

An employee's return depends on their qualifications for any existing openings. If, after returning from a workers' compensation disability leave, an employee is unable to perform the essential functions of their job because of a physical or mental disability, the Company's obligations to the employee may include reasonable accommodation, as governed by the Americans with Disabilities Act or the California Fair Employment and Housing Act.

The law requires Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. to notify the workers' compensation

insurance company of any concerns of false or fraudulent claims.

Workers' compensation insurance company responsible for handling the claim is: Intercare Holdings Insurance Services PO Box 579 Roseville, CA 95661 916-677-2500 or toll free 800-771-5454

### COVID-19

COVID-19 may be a work-related injury. If you test positive for COVID-19, please notify the Company immediately so we may notify our workers' compensation carrier as required by law.

#### Company-Provided Physician

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. provides medical treatment for work-related injuries through a medical provider network, Kaiser which the company has chosen to provide medical care to injured employees because of their experience in treating work-related injuries.

Kaiser is located at 3975 Old Redwood Hwy, Santa Rosa, CA 95403. Kaiser can be reached at 707-566-5555.

#### Workers' Compensation and CFRA/FMLA

Employees who are ill or injured as a result of a work-related incident, and who are eligible for family and medical leave under state and/or federal law California Family Rights Act (CFRA) and/or Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), will be placed on CFRA and/or FMLA during the time they are disabled and not released to return to work. The leave under these laws will generally run concurrently.

# <u>Management</u>

# **Employee Property**

An employee's personal property, including but not limited to lockers, packages, briefcases, purses, messenger bags, and backpacks, may be inspected upon reasonable suspicion of unauthorized possession of Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. property, possession of dangerous weapons or firearms, or abuse of the Company's drug and alcohol policy.

# **Employment of Relatives**

Relatives of employees may be eligible for employment with Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. only if individuals involved do not work in a direct supervisory relationship, or in job positions in which there is a conflict of interest. The Company defines "relatives" as spouses, registered domestic partners, children, siblings, parents, in-laws, and step-relatives. Present employees who marry or become registered domestic partners will be permitted to continue working in the job position held only if they do not work in a direct supervisory relationship with one another or in job positions involving conflict of interest.

# Names and Addresses Policy

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. is required by law to keep current all employees' names and addresses. You are responsible for notifying the Company in the event of a name or address change.

# **Open-Door Policy**

Suggestions for improving Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. are always welcome. At some time, you may have a complaint, suggestion, or question about your job, your working conditions, or the treatment you are receiving. Your complaints, questions, and suggestions are important to us.

If you have a complaint, suggestion or question, speak with your immediate supervisors as soon as possible. If you are not comfortable speaking to your immediate supervisor, please bring the issue to the personnel manager or any other member of management.

Also, if you have raised the issue and if the problem persists, you may present it to the personnel manager, who will investigate and provide a solution or explanation.

If the problem is not resolved, you may also present the problem to the president of Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc., who will attempt to reach a final resolution.

While a written complaint will assist us in investigating your concerns, it is not required that you

put your complaint in writing. If you need assistance with your complaint, or you prefer to make a complaint in person, contact Supervisor or HR Manager.

This procedure, which we believe is important for both you and the Company, cannot guarantee that every problem will be resolved to your satisfaction. However, Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. values your observations and you should feel free to raise issues of concern without the fear of retaliation.

#### **Personnel Records**

You have a right to inspect or receive a copy of the personnel records that Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. maintains relating to your performance or to any grievance concerning you. Certain documents may be excluded or redacted from your personnel file by law, and there are legal limitations on the number of requests that can be made.

Any request to inspect or copy personnel records must be made in writing to the HR Manager. You can obtain a form for making such a written request from the HR Manager.

You may designate a representative to conduct the inspection of the records or receive a copy of the records. However, any designated representative must be authorized by you in writing to inspect or receive a copy of the records. Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. may take reasonable steps to verify the identity of any representative you have designated in writing to inspect or receive a copy of your personnel records.

The personnel records may be made available to you either at the place where you work or at a mutually agreeable location (with no loss of compensation for going to that location to inspect or copy the records). The records will be made available no later than 30 calendar days from the date Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. receives your written request to inspect or copy your personnel records (unless you/your representative and Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. mutually agree in writing to a date beyond 30 calendar days but no later than 35 calendar days from receipt of the written request).

If you request a copy of the contents of your file, you will be charged the actual cost of copying.

Disclosure of personnel information to outside sources, other than your designated representative, will be limited. However, Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. will cooperate with request from authorized law enforcement or local, state, or federal agencies conducting official investigations and as otherwise legally required.

### Workplace Privacy - Audio/Video Recordings

Due to concerns regarding the potential for invasion of privacy, sexual or other harassment, and protection of proprietary or confidential information, employees may not use any audio or video recording devices while on working time. You also may not use any audio or video recordings in work areas that Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. has identified as confidential, secure or private, unless you are engaged in protected activity related to improving the terms and

conditions of your employment, such as documenting health and safety issues.

The company uses or may use video surveillance in public areas (not in restrooms, locker rooms or changing areas). The video surveillance will not include sound recording.

# **Company Property**

### **Electronics and Social Media**

This policy is intended to protect the Company's computer systems and electronic information.

For purposes of these policies, the following definitions apply: "Computers" are defined as desktop computers, laptops, handheld devices (including but not limited to iPhones, smart phones, iPads, and other electronic tablets and cell phones), computer software/hardware and servers.

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. also uses various forms of "electronic communication." "Electronic communications" includes e-mail, text messages, telephones, cell phones and other handheld devices (such as cell phones, smart phones, writing tablets or iPads), fax machines, and online services including the Internet.

"Electronic information" is any information created by an employee using computers or any means of electronic communication, including but not limited to, data, messages, multimedia data, and files.

The following general policies apply:

- Computers and all data transmitted through Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. servers are Company property owned by the Company for the purpose of conducting Company business. These items must be maintained according to Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. rules and regulations. Computers must be kept clean and employees must exercise care to prevent loss and damage. Prior authorization must be obtained before any Company property may be removed from the premises.
- All electronic communications also remain the sole property of Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. and are to be used for Company business. For example, email messages are considered Company records.
- Electronic information created by an employee using any computer or any means of electronic communication is also the property of Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. and remains the property of Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc..
- Information stored in Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. computers and file servers, including without limitation is the property of the Company and may not be distributed outside the Company in any form whatsoever without the written permission of the CEO.
- Violation of any of the provisions of this policy, whether intentional or not, will subject Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. employees to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

#### Monitoring of Company Property

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. reserves the right to inspect all Company property to

ensure compliance with its rules and regulations, without notice to the employee and at any time, not necessarily in the employee's presence. Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. computers and all electronic communications and electronic information are subject to monitoring and no one should expect privacy regarding such use. The Company reserves the right to access, review and monitor electronic files, information, messages, text messages, e-mail, Internet history, browser-based webmail systems and other digital archives and to access, review and monitor the use of computers, software, and electronic communications to ensure that no misuse or violation of Company policy or any law occurs. E-mail may be monitored by the Company and there is no expectation of privacy. Assume that e-mail may be accessed, forwarded, read or heard by someone other than the intended recipient, even if marked as "private."

Employee passwords may be used for purposes of security but the use of a password does not affect the Company's ownership of the electronic information or ability to monitor the information. The Company may override an employee's password for any reason.

Employees are not permitted to access the electronic communications of other employees or third parties unless directed to do so by Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. management.

#### **Prohibited Use**

All existing Company policies apply to employee use of computers, electronic communications, electronic information, and the Internet. This includes policies that deal with misuse of Company assets or resources. It is a violation of Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. policy to use computers, electronic communications, electronic information, or the Internet, in a manner that: is discriminatory harassing or obscene; constitutes copyright or trademark infringement; violates software licensing rules; is illegal; or is against Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. policy. It is also a violation of policy to use computers, electronic communications, electronic communications, or the Internet to communicate confidential or sensitive information or trade secrets.

The display of any kind of sexually explicit multimedia content, message, or document on any Company computer is a violation of the Company's policy against sexual harassment. This description of prohibited usage is not exhaustive and it is within the discretion of Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. to determine if there has been a violation of this policy. Employees that engage in prohibited use will be subject to discipline and/or immediate termination.

This policy is not intended to limit the ability of employees to discuss with other employees the terms and conditions of their employment, including such topics as wages, job performance, workload, supervisors, or staffing.

#### **Computer and Internet Use**

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. provides computers, electronic communications, electronic information and information technology resources, including the Internet, to its

employees to help them do their job. Company provided computers; electronic communications, electronic information and the Internet are only to be used only for work-related purposes. No personal use of this Company property is permitted at any time. However, this policy is not intended to limit the ability of employees to use Company email systems to communicate with other employees regarding the terms and conditions of their employment, including such topics as wages, job performance, workload, supervisors or staffing.

#### Social Media

Use of Internet based programs such as Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter (this is not meant to be an exhaustive list) is a violation of Company policy and use of Company property (including computers or handheld devices) to access social media tools or programs during working time on the work premises can result in discipline up to and including termination.

Employees can use their own personal devices to engage in social media during non-working times, such as breaks and meal periods; however, all other Company policies against inappropriate usage, including the Company's no tolerance for discrimination, harassment or retaliation in the workplace, and protection of confidential or trade secret information apply.

Nothing in the Company's social media policy is designed to interfere with, restrain or prevent employee communications regarding wages, hours or other terms and conditions of employment.

#### **Employee-owned Devices**

Employees' own computers (including handheld devices) and electronic communications are not to be used during work time. Employees may use personal devices during non-working times, such as breaks and meal periods; however, all other company policies against inappropriate usage, including the Company's no tolerance for discrimination, harassment or retaliation in the workplace, apply.

#### **Employer Property**

Lockers, furniture, desks, computers, cell phones, data processing equipment/software, vehicles, and are Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. property and must be maintained according to Company rules and regulations. They must be kept clean and are to be used only for work-related purposes. Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. reserves the right to inspect all Company property including computer or phone data or messages to ensure compliance with its rules and regulations, without notice to the employee and at any time, not necessarily in the employee's presence. Prior authorization must be obtained before any Company property may be removed from the premises.

Company voicemail and/or electronic mail (e-mail) including texting, pagers and mobile email are to be used for business purposes. Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. reserves the right to monitor voice mail messages, and e-mail messages, and texts to ensure compliance with this

rule, without notice to the employee and at any time, not necessarily in the employee's presence.

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. may periodically need to assign and/or change "passwords" and personal codes for these communication technologies and related storage media and databases are to be used only for Company business and they remain the property of Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc.

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. reserves the right to keep a record of all passwords and codes used and/or may be able to override any such password system. Messages on the company voicemail and email systems are subject to the same company policies against discrimination and harassment as are any workplace communications. Offensive, harassing or discriminatory content in such messages will not be tolerated.

For security reasons, employees should not leave personal belongings of value in the workplace. Terminated employees should remove any personal items at the time they leave Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. Personal items left in the workplace are subject to disposal if not claimed at the time of an employee's termination.

# **Guests and Visitors**

Visits from friends and family should be kept to a minimum, in order to preserve an appropriate work environment. It is extremely important that the impression left with Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. visitors is that of a professional organization with the highest standards of conduct.

### Housekeeping

All employees are expected to keep their work areas clean and organized. People using common areas such as lunch rooms, locker rooms, and restrooms are expected to keep them sanitary. Please clean up after meals and dispose of trash properly.

Employees must also follow all COVID-19 safety and policies and procedures at all times.

# Parking

Employees may park their vehicles in designated areas, if space permits. If space is unavailable, employees must park in permissible public areas in the vicinity of Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. property. Employees may not use parking areas specifically designated for customers, vendors, Company vehicles, or reserved for managers. Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. is not responsible for any loss or damage to employee vehicles or contents while parked on Company property.

# Smoking

Smoking is prohibited at this workplace. The smoking prohibition applies to all smoking devices, including, but not limited to, the use of electronic smoking devices, such as electronic cigarettes, pipes, hookahs, and vaping devices.

### Solicitation and Distribution of Literature

In order to ensure efficient operation of the Company's business and to prevent disruption to employees, we have established control of solicitations and distribution of literature on Company property. Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. has enacted rules applicable to all employees governing solicitation, distribution of written material, and entry onto the premises and work areas. All employees are expected to comply strictly with these rules. Any employee who is in doubt concerning the application of these rules should consult with their supervisor.

No employee shall solicit or promote support for any cause or organization during their working time or during the working time of the employee or employees at whom such activity is directed. No employee shall distribute or circulate any written or printed material in work areas at any time, or during their working time or during the working time of the employee or employees at whom such activity is directed.

Under no circumstances will non-employees be permitted to solicit or to distribute written material for any purpose on Company property.

# Employee Conduct

### **Conducting Personal Business**

Employees are to conduct only Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. business while at work. Employees may not conduct personal business or business for another employer during their scheduled working hours.

# **Conflicts of Interest**

All employees must avoid situations involving actual conflict of interest. Personal or romantic involvement with a competitor, supplier, or subordinate employee of Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc., which impairs an employee's ability to exercise good judgment on behalf of the Company, can create an actual conflict of interest. Supervisor-subordinate romantic or personal relationships also can lead to supervisory problems, possible claims of sexual harassment, and morale problems.

An employee involved in any of the types of relationships or situations described in this policy should immediately and fully disclose the relevant circumstances to their immediate supervisor, or any other appropriate supervisor, for a determination about whether an actual conflict exists. If an actual conflict is determined, Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. may take whatever corrective action appears appropriate according to the circumstances. Failure to disclose facts shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action.

# **Customer Relations**

Employees are expected to be polite, courteous, prompt, and attentive to every customer. When an employee encounters an uncomfortable situation that they do not feel capable of handling, the manager should be called immediately.

Through your conduct, show your desire to assist the customer in obtaining the help they need. If you are unable to help a customer, find someone who can.

Never argue with a customer. If a problem develops or if a customer remains dissatisfied, ask your supervisor or the general manager to intervene.

### **Dress Codes and Other Personal Standards**

Employees are expected to wear clothing appropriate for the nature of our business and the type of work performed. Avoid clothing that can create a safety hazard.

Because each employee is a representative of Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. in the

eyes of the public, each employee must report to work properly groomed and wearing appropriate clothing. Employees are expected to dress neatly and in a manner consistent with the nature of the work performed.

All employees required to wear uniforms provided by Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. must take care of their uniforms and report any wear or damage to their supervisors. Supervisors will inform you of additional requirements regarding acceptable attire. Certain employees may be required to wear safety equipment or clothing. Any deviations from these guidelines must be approved by your supervisor.

This dress code policy will not be enforced in a manner that discriminates against anyone based on a protected class, such as race, sex, gender identity or gender expression, religion, national origin or any other class protected by federal, state or local law. For more information, see the *Harassment, Discrimination and Retaliation Prevention* policy. Employees who need a reasonable accommodation because of religious beliefs, observances or practices should contact a company representative with day-to-day personnel responsibility and discuss the need for accommodation.

# **Drug and Alcohol Abuse**

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. is concerned about the use of alcohol, marijuana, illegal drugs or controlled substances as it affects the workplace. Use of these substances, whether on or off the job can detract from an employee's work performance, efficiency, safety, and health, and seriously impair Company operations. In addition, the use or possession of these substances on the job constitutes a potential danger to the welfare and safety of other employees and exposes the Company to the risks of property loss or damage, or injury to other persons.

The following rules and standards of conduct apply to all employees while on Company property, at work, or working on Company business. The following are strictly prohibited by Company policy:

- Being under the influence of, or impaired by, an illegal or controlled substance, alcohol or marijuana while on the job.
- Using or possessing illegal or controlled substances, alcohol or marijuana while on the job (including the illegal use of prescription drugs and possessing drug paraphernalia)
- Distributing, selling, or purchasing of an illegal or controlled substance, alcohol or marijuana while on the job.

Violation of these rules and standards of conduct will not be tolerated, and will include disciplinary action up to and including termination. Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. also may bring the matter to the attention of appropriate law enforcement authorities.

In order to enforce this policy, Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. reserves the right to conduct searches of Company property or employees and/or their personal property, and to implement other measures necessary to deter and detect abuse of this policy.

An employee's conviction on a charge of illegal sale or possession of any controlled substance while off Company property will not be tolerated because such conduct, even though off duty, reflects adversely on Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc.. In addition, the Company must keep people who sell or possess controlled substances off Company premises in order to keep the controlled substances themselves off the premises.

### **News Media Contacts**

Employees may be approached for interviews or comments by the news media. Only contact people designated by the COO may comment to news reporters on Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. policy or events relevant to Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc..

This policy does not limit your right to discuss the terms and conditions of his or her employment, or to try and improve these conditions.

# **Off-Duty Conduct**

While Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. does not seek to interfere with the off-duty and personal conduct of its employees, certain types of off-duty conduct may interfere with the Company's legitimate business interests.

Off-duty conduct by an employee that directly conflicts with the Company's essential business interests and disrupts business operations will not be tolerated.

### **Other Employment**

While employed by Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc., employees are expected to devote their energies to their jobs with the Company.

Employment that directly conflicts with the Company's essential business interests and disrupts business operations is strictly prohibited.

If you wish to engage in additional employment that may create a real conflict of interest, you must submit a written request to Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. explaining the details of the additional employment. If the additional employment is authorized, Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. assumes no responsibility for it. Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. shall not provide workers' compensation coverage or any other benefit for injuries occurring from or arising out of additional employment. Authorization to engage in additional employment can be revoked at any time.

# **Prohibited Conduct**

Employees are expected to conduct themselves in a manner to further the Company's objectives. The following conduct is prohibited and will not be tolerated by Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. This list of prohibited conduct is illustrative only; other types of conduct that

threaten security, personal safety, employee welfare and Company operations also may be prohibited and will result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.

- Falsifying employment records, employment information, or other Company records;
- Inefficient or careless performance of job responsibilities or inability to perform job duties satisfactorily;
- Recording the work time of another employee or allowing any other employee to record your work time, or falsifying any time card, either your own or another employee's;
- Theft and deliberate or careless damage or destruction of any Company property, or the property of any employee or customer;
- Removing or borrowing Company property without prior authorization;
- Unauthorized use or misuse of Company equipment, time, materials, or facilities;
- Provoking a fight or fighting during working hours or on Company property;
- Participating in horseplay or practical jokes on Company time or on Company premises;
- Carrying firearms or any other dangerous weapons on Company premises at any time;
- Causing, creating or participating in a disruption of any kind during working hours on Company property;
- Insubordination, including but not limited to failure or refusal to obey the orders or instructions of a supervisor or member of management, or the use of abusive or threatening language toward a supervisor or member of management;
- Using abusive, threatening or intimidating language at any time on Company premises;
- Violation of Company punctuality and attendance policies. Absences protected by state or federal law do not count as violations of this policy. Protected paid sick time under California law does not count as a violation of this policy;
- Failing to obtain permission to leave work for any reason during normal working hours, not including meal periods;
- Failing to observe working schedules, including rest and meal periods;
- Sleeping or malingering on the job;
- Working overtime without authorization or refusing to work assigned overtime;
- Violation of dress standards;
- Violation of any safety, health, security or Company policy, rule or procedure;
- Violation of the Company's drug and alcohol policy;
- Committing a fraudulent act or a breach of trust under any circumstances;
- Violating the Company's anti-harassment or equal employment opportunity policies; and
- Failing to promptly report work-related injury or illness.

This statement of prohibited conduct does not alter the Company's policy of at-will employment. Either you or Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. remain free to terminate the employment relationship at any time, with or without reason or advance notice.

# Prohibited Use of Company Cell Phone While Driving

In the interest of the safety of our employees and other drivers and pedestrians on the road, Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. employees are prohibited from using cell phones (including all smart phones) or other wireless communication devices (including laptops and tablets) while driving on Company business and/or Company time. This prohibition includes any use of the cell phone or other wireless communications device, such as answering or placing calls, engaging in conversations, texting, Web browsing or using any smart phone application while driving.

If your job requires that you keep your cell phone or other wireless communication device turned on while you are driving, you must use a hands-free, voice-operated device at all times. Under no circumstances should employees place phone calls while operating a motor vehicle while driving on Company business and/or Company time. Violating this policy is a violation of law and a violation of Company rules.

#### **Employees Under Age 18**

A person under the age of 18 years is prohibited from driving a motor vehicle while using a wireless telephone, even if equipped with a hands-free device, or while using a mobile service device. The prohibition would not apply to such a person using a wireless telephone or a mobile service device for emergency purposes. Violating this policy is a violation of law and a violation of Company rules.

Writing, sending, or reading text-based communication - including text messaging, instant messaging. e-mail, web browsing and use of smart phone applications - on a wireless device or cell phone while driving is also prohibited under this policy. Violating this policy is a violation of law and a violation of Company rules.

### **Punctuality and Attendance**

As an employee of Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc., you are expected to be punctual and regular in attendance. Tardiness or absences can cause problems for your co-workers and your supervisor. When you are absent, your assigned work must be performed by others.

You are expected to report to work as scheduled, on time, and prepared to start work. Employees also are expected to remain at work for their entire work schedule, except for meal periods, rest periods or when required to leave on authorized Company business. Late arrivals, early departures or other unanticipated and unapproved absences from scheduled hours are disruptive and must be avoided.

If you are unable to report for work on any particular day, you must provide reasonable advance notice to your supervisor before the time you are scheduled to begin working for that day. You must inform your supervisor of the expected duration of any absence. If you fail to provide reasonable advance notice before your scheduled time to begin work and do not arrive in time for your assigned shift, you will be considered tardy for that day. If the circumstances for your tardiness or absence were unforeseen, inform your supervisor as soon as practical of the reason for the tardiness or absence.

Excessive absenteeism or tardiness, providing false information or abuse of leave laws will not

be tolerated. Generally, if you fail to report for work without any notification to your supervisor and your absence continues for a period of 3 days, Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. will consider that you have voluntarily abandoned or quit your employment.

Absences protected by local, state and federal law do not count as a violation of the punctuality and attendance policy. Paid sick time protected under California law does not count as a violation of this policy.

# <u>Wages</u>

### Advances

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. does not permit advances against paychecks.

## **Reporting-Time Pay**

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. will comply with all applicable regulations regarding reporting-time pay for nonexempt employees.

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. will pay a minimum of two hours of pay to employees who are required to report to work on a day other than their normally scheduled workday.

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. will not pay employees for reporting under the following circumstances:

- Interruption of work because of the failure of any or all public utilities;
- Operations can't begin due to threats to employees or the Company's property, or when recommended by civil authorities; or
- Interruption of work because of natural causes or other circumstances beyond the Company's power to control.

### **Meal and Rest Periods**

#### **Rest Breaks**

All nonexempt employees are entitled to uninterrupted rest break periods during their workday. If you are a nonexempt employee, you will be paid for all such break periods, and you will not clock out.

#### Number of Rest Breaks

You will be authorized and permitted one (1) 10-minute net rest break for every four (4) hours you work (or major fraction thereof, which is defined as any amount of time over two [2] hours). A rest break need not be authorized for employees whose total daily work time is less than three and one half (3.5) hours.

You will be relieved of all duty during your rest break periods. You are expected to return to work promptly at the end of any rest break.

If you work a shift from three and one-half (3.5) to six (6) hours in length you will be entitled to

one (1) ten-minute rest break. If you work more than six (6) hours and up to 10 hours, you will be entitled to two (2) ten-minute rest breaks. If you work more than 10 hours and up to 14 hours, you will be entitled to three (3) ten-minute rest breaks.

For shifts in excess of 14 hours, you will continue to be entitled to additional paid 10-minute rest breaks for every four (4) hours you work, or major fraction thereof.

#### Timing of Rest Breaks

You are authorized and permitted to take a rest break in the middle of each four-hour work period.

Your rest break will be scheduled by your supervisor.

#### Meal Period

All nonexempt employees will be provided an uninterrupted unpaid meal period of at least 30 minutes if you work more than five (5) hours in a workday. You must clock out for your meal period. You will be permitted a reasonable opportunity to take this meal period, and you will be relieved of all duty. You are expected to return to work promptly at the end of any meal period.

If your total work period for the day is more than five hours per day but no more than six hours, you may waive the meal period. This cannot be done without the mutual consent of you and your supervisor. You must discuss any such waiver with your supervisor in advance.

The waiver must be in writing.

#### Timing of Meal Period

Your meal period will be provided no later than the end of your fifth hour of work. For example, if you begin work at 8:00 a.m., you must start your meal period by 12:59 p.m. (which is before the end of your fifth hour of work).

Your meal period will be scheduled by your supervisor.

#### Second Meal Period

If you work more than 10 hours in a day, you will be provided a second, unpaid meal period of at least 30 minutes. Again, you must clock out for your meal period. You will be permitted a reasonable opportunity to take this meal period, and you will be relieved of all duty. There will be no control over your activities during your meal period. You are expected to return to work promptly at the end of any meal period.

Depending on the circumstances, you may be able to waive your second meal period if you took the first meal period and if your total hours worked for the day is no more than twelve hours. This

cannot be done without the mutual consent of you and your supervisor and must be in writing. You must discuss any such waiver with your supervisor in advance.

#### Timing of Second Meal Period

This second meal period will be provided no later than the end of your 10th hour of work.

Your second meal period will be scheduled by your supervisor.

#### **Recording Meal Periods**

You must clock out for any meal period and record the start and end of the meal period. If you did not clock out for your meal period, you must complete the meal break attestation prompted by the electronic timeclock at the end of your shift.

Employees are not allowed to work "off the clock." All work time must be accurately reported on your time record.

If for any reason you are not provided a meal period in accordance with our policy, or if you are in any way discouraged or impeded from taking your meal period or from taking the full amount of time allotted to you, please immediately notify HR Manager.

Anytime you miss a meal period that was provided to you (or you work any portion of a provided meal period), you will be required to report to your supervisor and document the reason for the missed meal period or time worked.

Please also refer to the Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. Timekeeping Policy.

#### **Overtime for Nonexempt Employees**

Employees may be required to work overtime as necessary. Only actual hours worked in a given workday or workweek can apply in calculating overtime. Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. will attempt to distribute overtime evenly and accommodate individual schedules. All overtime work must be previously authorized by a supervisor. Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. provides compensation for all overtime hours worked by non-exempt employees in accordance with state and federal law as follows:

- All hours worked in excess of eight hours in one workday or 40 hours in one workweek will be treated as overtime. A workday begins at 12:01 a.m. and ends at midnight 24 hours later. Workweeks begin each Sunday at 12:01 a.m.;
- Compensation for hours in excess of 40 for the workweek, or in excess of eight and not more than 12 for the workday, and for the first eight hours on the seventh consecutive day of work in one workweek, shall be paid at a rate one and one-half times the employee's regular rate of pay;
- Compensation for hours in excess of 12 in one workday and in excess of eight on the Page 52 of 57

seventh consecutive workday in a workweek shall be paid at double the regular rate of pay; and

• Exempt employees may have to work hours beyond their normal schedules as work demands require. No overtime compensation will be paid to exempt employees.

# Pay for Mandatory Meetings/Training

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. will pay non-exempt employees for their attendance at meetings, lectures, and training programs under the following conditions:

- Attendance is mandatory;
- The meeting, course, or lecture is directly related to the employee's job;
- The employee who is required to attend such meetings, lectures, or training programs will be notified of the necessity for such attendance by their supervisor;
- The employee will be paid at the then applicable minimum wage for time spent at meetings, lectures, and training programs if the employee does not perform any productive work during such attendance;
- Employees who do perform productive work during attendance at meetings, lectures or training programs will be compensated at their regular rate of pay; and
- Any hours in excess of eight in a day or 40 in a week will be paid at the appropriate overtime rate, at the hourly rate in effect at the time the overtime work is being performed.

# **Payment of Wages**

Paychecks are normally available at the Administration Office. If you observe an error on your check, please report it immediately to your supervisor.

All employees of Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. are paid every other Friday for work performed during the previous two-week pay period. If a regular payday falls on a holiday, you will be paid on the workday before the holiday.

# **Timekeeping Requirements**

All nonexempt employees are required to use an ADP Electronic Timeclock to record time worked for payroll purposes. All time worked must be accurately reported on your time record.

You must record your own time at the start and at the end of each work period. You must clock out for your meal period and record the start and end of the meal period.

You are not allowed to work "off the clock." Working off the clock violates company policy. Any work performed before or after a regularly scheduled shift must be approved in advance by your supervisor. If you perform any off-the-clock work, please report the work to your supervisor.

You will be required to certify that your time record is accurate.

Punching another employee's timecard, allowing another employee to punch your timecard, or altering a timecard is not permissible and is subject to disciplinary action.

Any errors on your timecard should be reported immediately to your supervisor.

Please also refer to Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc.'s Meal and Rest Break Policy.

# Safety and Health

## **Health and Safety**

All employees are responsible for their own safety, as well as that of others in the workplace. To help us maintain a safe workplace, everyone must be safety-conscious at all times. Report all work-related injuries or illnesses immediately to your supervisor or to the human resources department. In compliance with California law, and to promote the concept of a safe workplace, Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. maintains an Injury and Illness Prevention Program. The Injury and Illness Prevention Program is available for review by employees and/or employee representatives in the general manager's office.

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. also maintains a written COVID-19 prevention program in compliance with California law, which is available for review by employees and/or authorized representatives.

In compliance with Proposition 65, Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. will inform employees of any known exposure to a chemical known to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity.

### Heat Illness

The Company is concerned with employee health and safety. Employees who work outside may be exposed to extreme temperatures or adverse working conditions, particularly in the summer months. All supervisors are trained in the recognition and prevention of heat illness. Employees who work outside are encouraged to frequently drink water. Employees who work outside are also allowed and encouraged to take a cool-down rest in the shade of at least five minutes (in addition to the time needed to access the shade) when needed to protect themselves from overheating. These preventative cool-down rests are paid time.

Please refer to the Company's Injury Illness and Prevention Program or talk to your supervisor for details on how to ensure you are protected from heat illness dangers.

### **Recreational Activities and Programs**

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. or its insurer will not be liable for payment of workers' compensation benefits for any injury that arises out of an employee's voluntary participation in any off-duty recreational, social, or athletic activity that is not part of the employee's work-related duties.

### Security

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. has developed guidelines to help maintain a secure workplace. Be aware of persons loitering for no apparent reason in parking areas, walkways,

entrances and exits, and service areas. Report any suspicious persons or activities to security personnel. Secure your desk or office at the end of the day. When called away from your work area for an extended length of time, do not leave valuable and/or personal articles in or around your workstation that may be accessible. The security of facilities as well as the welfare of our employees depends upon the alertness and sensitivity of every individual to potential security risks. You should immediately notify your supervisor when unknown persons are acting in a suspicious manner in or around the facilities, or when keys, security passes, or identification badges are missing. The Company's workplace security program is described in detail in the Company's Illness and Injury Prevention Program (IIPP).

### Workplace Violence

Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. has adopted the following workplace violence policy to ensure a safe working environment for all employees.

The Company has zero tolerance for acts of violence and threats of violence. Without exception, acts and threats of violence are not permitted. All such acts and threats, even those made in apparent jest, will be taken seriously, and will lead to discipline up to and including termination.

Possession of weapons on Company premises and at Company-sponsored events shall constitute a threat of violence. It is every employee's responsibility to assist in establishing and maintaining a violence-free work environment. Therefore, you are expected and encouraged to report any incident which may be threatening to you or your co-workers or any event which you reasonably believe is threatening or violent.

You may report an incident to any supervisor or manager.

A threat includes, but is not limited to, any indication of intent to harm a person or damage Company property. Threats may be direct or indirect, and they may be communicated verbally or nonverbally. The following are examples of threats and acts that shall be considered violent this list is in no way all-inclusive:

Example	Type of Threat
Saying, "Do you want to see your next birthday?"	Indirect
Writing, "Employees who kill their supervisors have the right idea."	Indirect
Saying, "I'm going to punch your lights out."	Direct
Making a hitting motion or obscene gesture	Nonverbal
Displaying weapons	Extreme
Stalking or otherwise forcing undue attention on someone, whether romantic or hostile	Extreme
Taking actions likely to cause bodily harm or property damage	Acts of violence

The Company's workplace violence program is described in detail in the Company's Illness and Injury Prevention Program (IIPP).

# **Termination**

# **Employee References**

All requests for references must be directed to the personnel manager. No other manager, supervisor, or employee is authorized to release references for current or former employees.

By policy, Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. discloses only the dates of employment and the title of the last position held of former employees.

# Involuntary Termination and Progressive Discipline

Violation of Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. policies and rules may warrant disciplinary action. The Company has a system of progressive discipline that may include verbal warnings, written warnings, and suspension. The system is not formal, and Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. may, in its sole discretion, utilize whatever form of discipline is deemed appropriate under the circumstances, up to, and including, immediate termination of employment. The Company's policy of progressive discipline in no way limits or alters the at-will employment relationship.

# **Reductions in Force**

Seasonal and Temporary employment with Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. may be short- term in nature. While the Company will attempt to provide advance notice, if possible, to help prepare affected individuals, layoffs are common and frequent.

# **Voluntary Resignation**

Voluntary resignation results when an employee voluntarily quits their employment at Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc., or fails to report to work for three consecutively scheduled workdays without notice to, or approval by, their supervisor (unless the absence is protected by law). All Company-owned property, including vehicles, keys, uniforms, identification badges, and credit cards, must be returned immediately upon termination of employment.