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# HUNDREDS OF TAXPAYERS SIGN PETITION TO SAVE THE ERIE COUNTY FAIR

*Erie County Comptroller Stefan I. Mychajliw Jr. started the on-line petition [www.saveourfair.com](http://www.saveourfair.com) to encourage state and county leaders to hold the Fair this summer*

(Hamburg) – Erie County Comptroller and Hamburg resident Stefan I. Mychajliw Jr. submitted hundreds of signatures signed by Hamburg taxpayers and people from across the Western New York region to demand the Erie County Fair is not cancelled by the State of New York or the County of Erie this year. Signatures are still streaming into the petition website: [www.saveourfair.com](http://www.saveourfair.com).

Considering the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) releasing new guidelines on Thursday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 that relaxed masking requirements, there would be no reason whatsoever to block the Erie County Fair, the third largest in the country, from taking place in August of this year.

“If you are fully vaccinated, you can resume activities that you did prior to the pandemic. Fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.”

*Source: [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov), May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021*

The [www.saveourfair.com](http://www.saveourfair.com) petition was signed by hundreds of Erie County Fair Supporters here at home and across the country, including people from: Clearwater, Florida, Rock Hill, South Carolina, Connellsville, Pennsylvania, Rochester, Niagara Falls, Olean, North Tonawanda, Arcade, Warsaw, Delevan, Corfu, Olcott.

“I’m signing this petition because at some point the risk of living has to be above the fear of dying.”  
Jessica Domogala, Hamburg

“We live in the United States of America.”  
Jackie Garcia, Blasdell

"If Syracuse can have one so can Buffalo!"

Amanda Miller, Hamburg

"I want the Hamburg Fair to open."

Patricia Refermat, Hamburg

"Love the fair and miss it, enough is enough already, people are walking into our country and we are worried about the fair!"

Daniel Kaminski, Hamburg

"I agree. Stop the picking and choosing of what can go on and what can't.

Linda Haley, Blasdell

"I am not afraid!"

Jill Cook, Lake View

"We need to get open and get back to whatever form of normalcy might be left. If people want to get the job and wear a mask, then let them. Just as those who don't, shouldn't."

Judi Angle, Hamburg

The demand is even greater to resume the Erie County Fair since New York Governor Andrew Cuomo proudly announced the return of the New York State Fair from August 20<sup>th</sup> to September 6<sup>th</sup>:

"No one wants to open the Fair this year more than I do, and we are finally making it happen in a safe, responsible way with the 2021 Reimagined New York State Fair. This is an important step towards the full return of New York's largest events as we continue to reopen and reimagine our state's economy."

*Source: [www.governor.ny.gov/news](http://www.governor.ny.gov/news), Governor Andrew Cuomo, April 26, 2021*

By the numbers:

Acres

New York State Fair: 375

Erie County Fair: 275

2019 Attendance

New York State Fair: 1,329,275

Erie County Fair: 1,238,456

"We must continue to pressure politicians here and Albany. They must not cancel the Erie County Fair again. Enough with ridiculous COVID-19 lockdowns. If Governor Cuomo can open the State Fair in Syracuse there is no reason why the Erie County Fair should be canceled two summers in a row. Our Fair gets about the same number of visitors as the New York State Fair," added Comptroller Mychajliw.

The estimated annual positive economic impact to Hamburg and the Erie County economy by hosting the Erie County Fair: \$7.8 million.

"Families suffered enough. Taxpayers and businesses cannot be punished again by refusing to open the Erie County Fair. The CDC said masks are no longer required indoors or outdoors for those that are vaccinated. Politicians who care more about clinging to power and control now have no excuse. Stop playing games. Open up the Erie County Fair this summer," concluded Comptroller Mychajliw.

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