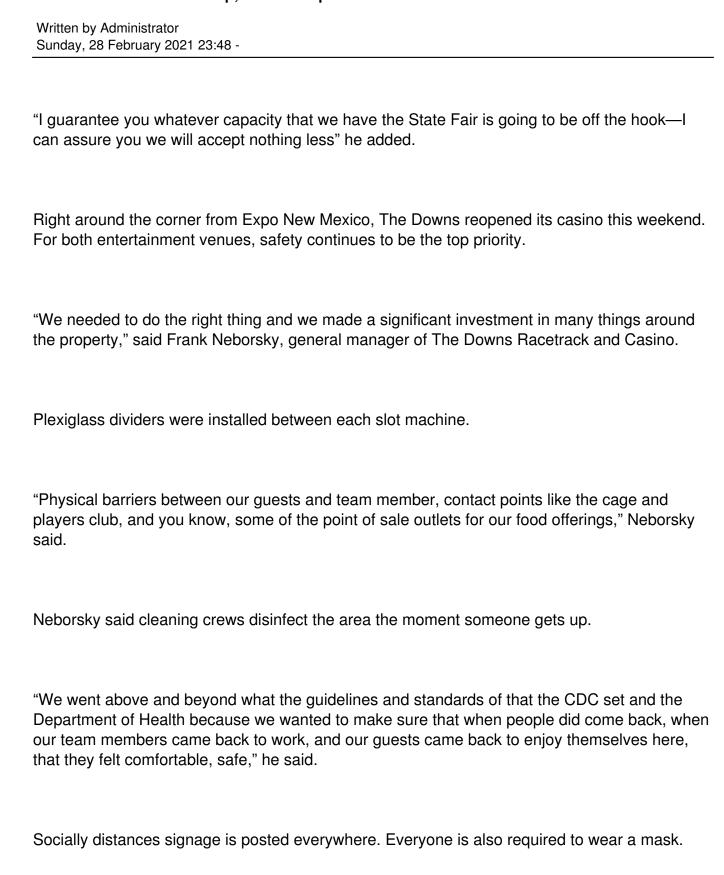
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Neborsky said The Downs also invested in some new technology during guarantine.

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"When you enter the building, there'll be a checkpoint. So, as you're approaching that checkpoint we will be checking ID to make sure everyone has a valid ID when it comes on the floor, that they're 21 years or older. And they'll walk up to a security post, and they will be scanned for temperature," he said.

Under the public health order, casinos licensed by the state can now operate in some capacity. Since The Downs is located in Bernalillo, which is currently at Level Yellow, they can operate at 33% capacity.

"To see the excitement on our employees our team members' faces," Neborsky said.

"The 26% tax that we pay to the state general fund and the 20% tax we pay to the horse racing industry—it gives us a way to get back to the community and get more people back on their feet and working, so it's very exciting," he added.

As the state's COVID numbers improve, the two are looking forward to opening up more parts of the facility.

"There is something true about smiling eyes when people are happy, and even underneath a mask. You can look at those eyes, and you can tell them that they're happy excited and it's just great to be back," Neborsky said.

They hope to bring back all 500+ employees who worked there.

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