



# Safer at Home

EQUESTRIAN FACILITY

## COVID-19 REOPENING GUIDANCE

GOVERNOR'S ECONOMIC REOPENING TASKFORCE



## Safeguarding Guidance:

The intent of this guidance is to reduce transmission of COVID-19 among employees and customers; support healthy business operations; and maintain a healthy work environment.

In addition to complying with the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#), [Equal Employment Opportunity Commission \(EEOC\)](#), [Occupational Safety and Health Administration \(OSHA\) guidance](#), and [US Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\) guidance](#), the State of New Hampshire issues additional guidance and procedures to protect consumers and employees.

1. Review and follow the [Universal Guidelines](#) for All New Hampshire Employers and Employees.
2. Review and follow [CDC guidance for businesses and employers](#).
3. Review and follow [CDC guidance for cleaning and disinfection](#).
4. Staff and must be provided with education and training about safe practices as it relates to hand hygiene, sanitation (cleaning and disinfection policies), and illness policies outlined in the [Universal Guidelines](#) and in this document.
5. Build social distancing into operations to maintain a safe distance of at least 6 feet between employees and attendees whenever possible.
6. Alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol must be made readily available to employees and customers/attendees at entrances and exits to the facility, throughout employee work areas and break rooms, and other areas frequently visited by both employees and customers/clients.
  - a. If possible, employers should make available individual bottles of hand sanitizer to each employee.
  - b. Employers should monitor and encourage frequent employee and customer/attendee hand hygiene.

Frequent hand hygiene should be performed including, but not limited to, upon arrival at the facility, before and after going to the bathroom, before and after touching a person's face or face covering, and prior to leaving the facility.

## Consumer Protection:

- 1) **Boarders (people who own/lease horses but have someone else taking care of them).**
  - a. Boarders will use their own tack which is only handled by them.
  - b. Boarders will be required to sign up for time slots to come ride.
  - c. No congregating or "hanging out" at the barn.



## 2) Lessons:

- a. Lessons will be scheduled in a manner where social distancing is appropriately applied.
- b. Riders will arrive no earlier than 10 mins prior to the time needed to tack up their horse for their lesson at which time they will check in with their trainer to find the horse location and proceed to get their lesson horse ready (i.e. groomed and tacked up). If a rider is unable to tack up their horse, their trainer will do so for them.
- c. Lesson tack and grooming tools will be disinfected after every ride.
- d. Students must ride with their own personal riding gear, there will be no shared helmets, vests or boots.

## 3) Horse Shows:

- a. Horse shows are open to the public.
- b. All classes will be limited based on social distancing.
- c. All horse show paperwork should be conducted online.
- d. Trailers must be parked to allow for appropriate social distancing while tacking up and moving around horses.
- e. Non-riders will be limited to two adults per rider who will adhere to social distancing guidelines and when appropriate, stay at the trailer.
- f. Spectators are limited as social distancing allows, and must follow safety protocols. All spectators should wear masks.
- g. Vendors will be limited and set up in a way to adhere to social distancing guidelines and will have reduced capacity of customers at their booth.
- h. Food services vendors will follow food services guidelines.
- i. Horse Show staff would be limited to the availability of adhering to social distancing guidelines.
- j. Sanitizer stations will be made available throughout the show grounds.
- k. Warm up Rings will be limited to riding space as social distancing allows with no more than one trainer/guardian per rider.
- l. All riders will maintain social distancing guidelines when entering/leaving the ring, riding, line-ups and waiting for classes to begin.
- m. Gate calls will be extended to provide riders extra time to get to the gate to prevent lack of social distancing. If possible, have separate entrance and exit gates to the show ring.
- n. Food vendors may operate with social distancing precautions in place - no self-service food or beverage, etc and must have appropriate face coverings for employees.



#### 4) Clinics:

- a. Individual or Group clinics with truck-ins who have a working relationship with the clinician and/or trainer and/or barn owner, may be conducted in keeping with 50% ring capacity guidelines. Auditors shall be minimal and abide by social distancing. Auditors should wear face coverings.
- b. All participants must follow state issued restaurant guidelines for social distancing at meal times.

**5) Sanitation of Communal Areas:** Communal areas and surfaces, such as restrooms, locker rooms and other member accessed spaces will be cleaned and disinfected at regular intervals based upon usage with disinfectant by members or staff at a minimum of every 2 hours during open hours.

#### Business Process Adaptations:

- 1) Provide sanitization materials, such as hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes, to staff. Riders to bring hand sanitizer and wipes.
- 2) Riders and staff to sanitize all communal surfaces including door knobs, latches, gate handles, crossties, and other areas of hand contact as needed.
- 3) All communal tools (i.e. pitch forks, brooms, wheelbarrow handles, etc..) must be properly sanitized following use.
- 4) Communal Tack (Lesson tack) disinfecting done after every use.
- 5) Masks should be worn (in accordance with state guidelines) when in the barn when closer than social distancing guidelines, but may be removed for riding.
- 6) Total rider capacity will be capped based on social distancing.
- 7) All riders will maintain social distancing guidelines when entering/leaving the ring, riding, line-ups and waiting for lessons to begin
- 8) All Riders (boarders, lessons and guardians) will be asked by their trainers or barn owners the following questions at check in regarding COVID-19 symptoms:
  - a. Have you or someone you live with, been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the past two weeks?
    - i. **NOTE:** Healthcare workers caring for COVID-19 patients while wearing appropriate personal protective equipment should answer “no” to this question
  - b. Are you or anyone you live with, currently experiencing a cough, shortness of breath or sore throat not related to allergies?
  - c. Have you or anyone you live with, had a fever in the last 48 hours?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, please do not put our employees and other guests at risk. You need to return home. Before returning to the barn, please make sure you can say No to the above questions for at least two consecutive weeks.

