



## **CoVID-19 Procedure**

We appreciate your patience and continued support while we all adjust to life in these times where we must be extra cautious with our health. Our goal in setting these new procedures is to keep everyone safe and healthy while enjoying the horses we all care for so much. These procedures might seem extreme or unnatural. We understand that and want to work with you as we all adjust. Our guidelines are based on information available through MDAR (Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources) as well as MA DPH and the CDC; as new information is gathered and these procedures change, we will keep everyone informed.

If you are at a high health risk and/or have specific concerns, feel free to reach out to us. We are very willing to work together to find a solution that works for everyone!

### **I. General Requirements**

- a.** All individuals should maintain a safe social distance from each other, 6 ft, and no more than ten individuals can be in the barn at any given time.
- b.** While cleaning, brushing, tacking up, sweeping, etc. all individuals are asked to wear a face-covering or mask covering their mouth and nose. Masks/coverings can be removed immediately before mounting the horse and must be replaced after dismounting.
- c.** There will be hand sanitizer available and bottles clearly labeled 'disinfectant' to clean surfaces.
- d.** All guests are asked not to loiter or hang out in the barn. While in the driveway, feel free to socialize while maintaining appropriate social distancing.
- e.** Visitors/guests are not permitted.
- f.** Avoid multiple people in a confined space; limit of one person in the tack room at a time.
- g.** Food and drink may be brought in by individuals as necessary. All food and food packages must be removed and disposed of at their residence.
- h.** If individuals need tissues, they should plan to bring their own. To limit contamination, individuals are encouraged to take all trash with them to dispose of at their residence.
- i.** All individuals entering the barn must be free of symptoms of CoVID-19 for the past 14 days. Individuals are asked to reschedule lessons if they are feeling unwell and/or if they have been exposed to someone who is sick.

- j. If an individual is diagnosed with CoVID-19 shortly after visiting the barn, they are asked to disclose this to barn management to allow for staff to thoroughly clean the barn to maintain safety.
- k. Names of all individuals entering the barn will be written in a logbook with the approximate times and reason for their presence at the barn. This will be important if contact tracing is necessary.

## **II. Lessons**

- a. Lessons will be 45 minutes long.
- b. Lessons will continue for individuals who can safely and competently tack the horse independently.
- c. There should be no more than three horses in the arena at any one time. This can be any combination of lessons, free riders, and/or groundwork.
- d. Individuals coming to ride horses without a lesson are encouraged to communicate with the barn staff to minimize potential conflicts.
- e. Students are required to sanitize all brushes, brush boxes, brooms, shovels, cross ties, etc. that they have touched. At each grooming stall, disinfectant will be available. Tack should be cleaned thoroughly as normal with saddle soap – disinfectant should NOT be used to clean any leather products.
- f. Saddle pads, boots, and wraps will be washed frequently by barn staff.
- g. Students are encouraged to wear gloves at all times. Riders must provide their own gloves.
- h. Riders must wear and provide their own helmets.

## **III. Cleaning and Disinfecting**

- a. Signage will be placed around the barn, encouraging safe social distancing and safe hygiene practices.
- b. Hand sanitizer and disinfectant are available at multiple stations throughout the barn.
- c. All students/riders need to disinfect all surfaces they touched. This includes but is not limited to brushes, brooms, shovels, and light switches.
- d. Barn staff will clean surfaces at the end of each day. These include but are not limited to door handles/latches, paddock gates, water spigots, restroom, publicly available pens/pencils/markers, and light switches.
- e. Barn staff will maintain the logbook and horse wall calendar daily; clients are asked not to edit these.

By signing this, you acknowledge that you have read through the new safety procedures and agree to follow them to the best of your ability. Questions/comments can be directed to G. Tommy Jensen in person, on the phone/text, or at [bedragonsfarm@aol.com](mailto:bedragonsfarm@aol.com).

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