

Safeguarding Guidance:

In addition to strict adherence to CDC guidelines, the State of New Hampshire recommends enacting measures to protect consumers and employees, including:

General Guidance to Protect Employees and Consumers:

1. Follow the [Universal Guidelines](#) for All New Hampshire Employers and Employees.
2. Owners of equestrian facilities should review CDC [guidance for businesses and employers](#).
3. Review CDC [guidance for cleaning and disinfection](#).
4. All persons should wear a cloth face mask covering nose and mouth when within an enclosed building (e.g. barn), but can be removed when outdoors as long as at least 6 feet of distance is maintained between other people at all times. Cloth face masks/coverings should be worn and managed according to CDC guidance about [use of cloth face coverings](#).
5. Persons wearing face coverings must not touch their eyes, nose, mouth, or face, or adjust their face mask without first sanitizing hands. After touching face or adjusting mask, hands must be sanitized.
6. Alcohol-based hand sanitizer must be made readily available at the barn and service areas for frequent use by both staff and clients.
7. Persons should maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from others at the facilities at all times.
8. Inform and communicate with staff, riders, and families about COVID-19 policies and procedures in place to prevent COVID-19 transmission within equestrian facilities.

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 to be only handled by them.
 - b. Boarders will be required to sign up for time slots to ride. Time slots should be staggered to avoid congregating/crowding in the barn. Specifically, time slots should be scheduled to avoid multiple people in the tack room at the same time, and to avoid multiple people grooming, tacking up, un-tacking, or bathing horses at the same time and in the same location.
 - c. No congregating or “hanging out” at the barn.
2. **Lessons and Clinics:**
 - a. Lessons will be scheduled in a manner where social distancing is appropriately applied.
 - b. Riders will arrive no earlier than 15 mins prior to the time needed to tack up their horse for their lesson at which time they will check in with their trainer



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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. Group lessons and limited clinics are allowed, but no truck-ins will be conducted (i.e. group clinics are allowed only with riders of the same barn). The number of people in the group lesson or clinic will be limited to 50% of ring capacity guidelines, or no more than 10 total people in the ring at one time (including instructor), whichever number is lower. Minors may be accompanied by a parent/guardian, but other spectators are not allowed, and all persons must maintain at least 6 feet of distance from others at all times both inside and outside the ring.
 - d. Multiple people grooming, tacking up, un-tacking, and bathing horses at the same time and in the same location must be avoided.
 - e. Lesson tack and grooming tools will be cleaned and disinfected after every ride. Follow CDC [guidance for cleaning and disinfecting](#).
 - f. Students must ride with their own personal riding gear (boots, helmets, etc.), there will be no shared helmets, vests or boots. Students are encouraged to store their personal riding gear at home.
 - g. No congregating before or after lessons.
3. **Horse Shows:** No horse shows or specialized clinics with spectators will be conducted during phase 1.
 4. **Sanitation of Communal Areas:** Follow CDC [guidance for cleaning and disinfecting](#) of communal areas, such as restrooms, locker rooms and other member accessed spaces. These spaces will be cleaned and disinfected at regular intervals based upon usage by members or staff at a minimum of every 2 hours during open hours.

Business Process Adaptations:

1. Provide cleaning and disinfection materials to staff and riders.
2. Provide and make accessible hand washing stations and/or alcohol-based hand sanitizer to staff and riders.
3. Each rider who is a minor may have one legal adult guardian who may be at the barn but must follow all social distancing guidelines with other people.
4. Staff and riders must sanitize all communal surfaces including door knobs, latches, gate handles, crossties, and other areas of contact after use.
5. All communal tools (i.e. pitch forks, brooms, wheelbarrow handles, etc.) must be properly cleaned and disinfected following use.
6. Cleaning and disinfection of communal tack (e.g. lesson tack) should be performed after every use in accordance with CDC [guidance for cleaning and disinfecting](#) using an [EPA-approved disinfectant](#).
7. Cloth face masks should be worn when in the barn but may be removed for riding and when outdoors away from other people.



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8. Total rider capacity will be capped to 50% of safe riding space of the riding rings/areas, and there must not be more than 10 total people in the riding area at one time (including instructor).
9. All Riders (boarders, lessons and guardians) will be asked by their trainers or barn owners about any symptoms of COVID-19, recent travel, or close contact to any person with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 in the prior 14 days. Screening questions are outlined in the [Universal Guidelines](#). Persons answering “yes” to any of the questions should not be allowed within the equestrian facilities to protect other people and the horses (some animals have been found to be able to be infected from humans with novel coronavirus causing COVID-19).
10. All riders will maintain social distancing guidelines when entering/leaving the ring, riding, line-ups and waiting for lessons to begin

