

# COVID-19 Best Practices

Youth and Mid Summer  
Nationals 2020



# Town Hall Meeting

- We are thrilled to announce that we have over 1300 horses. It promises to be a show to remember.
- Please be advised that we need to keep everyone safe during this time of the COVID pandemic- Come Healthy – Stay Healthy



# Show Protocols

- Please keep these 4 thoughts in mind before you leave for the show – We want everyone safe and to have a good time but we WILL enforce the rules and protocols that are in place from USEF.
- IF YOU HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO SOMEONE WHO HAS TESTED POSITIVE – DON'T COME
- IF YOU HAVE ANY SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 – DON'T COME
- IF YOU ARE UNWILLING TO WEAR A MASK THE ENTIRE TIME YOU ARE AT THE SHOW AND PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING – DON'T COME
- IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT ATTENDING DUE TO COVID-19 – DON'T COME



# What to expect when you arrive

- 1 – Changes to the show office – adds/scratches and results hands free
- 2 – Patterns will be online
- 3 – There will be a limitation of number of people in the warmup arena
- 4 – The show will be limiting of seating areas in front of stalls
- 5 – We will be having pre-show meetings for review of covid protocols
- 6 – Ingress and egress to the show grounds will be one way.
- 7 – We have added staff who will be monitoring compliance of masks.



# What to expect when you arrive

## Masks

Participants are required to wear a face mask or face covering in any setting where there is a possibility of being within six feet of any other individual, except when mounted on a horse or driving a horse

Wear your mask.

If for some reason you can't wear a mask, you need to get an exemption from USEF – compliance officer. The exemption request is to be submitted to USEF via email to USEF COVID [legalrequests@usef.org](mailto:legalrequests@usef.org) Mark the email as urgent

Once the exemption is received, you will be given a band to wear at all times.



# COVID-19 Protocols

- Bring your own safety equipment with you. At the very least, you should have masks for everyone for every day. Hand sanitizer is a must. Consider having individual air purifiers (some are designed to wear around your neck and make breathing easier).
- **Everyone must wear a mask.** This helps to protect each individual from either getting or spreading the virus. Since there will be many folks coming and going, we ask that you have on your mask at all times. You may ride your horse without one, but as soon as you get off, put the mask back on.
- **Practice social distancing of at least 6 feet.** We know that while you are in your barn area, there will be people that you see all the time. However, since someone may stop by, there is the need to wear the mask and practice social distancing even in the individual stalling areas. While in the stands, there is plenty of room to spread out, but keep those masks on.



# COVID-19 Protocols Cont.

- **Practice good hygiene.** Wash your hands often. Don't touch your face. The OKC fairgrounds staff will be continually trying to keep common areas clean, but don't rely on them. Look after yourself and keep those hands clean. Also keep your tack clean especially if it is shared between horses and/or riders. Don't forget brushes or rags that might be shared with horses. They need to be sanitized as well. Allow only one person at a time in a dressing room to practice social distancing. There will be no parties allowed.
- **Take everyone's temperature every morning.** If anyone in your group has a fever of 99.5 or higher or shows any signs of the virus (fever, sore throat, trouble breathing, etc.), stay away from the show and self-quarantine.
- **Remember to social distance when you are going out to eat.** The restaurants are limited in their seating, so you may want to make a reservation or not eat at peak periods. Also consider take out. Many of the local restaurants will deliver to the barn areas.



# COVID-19 Protocols Cont.

- While in the line up, distance yourself out across the entire ring.
- Be considerate at all times to your fellow exhibitors. This is a new normal for all of us.
- All of the above is meant to keep you safe from the virus while at the horse show. If you do not wish to comply with these restrictions, then please notify us immediately that you won't be coming and we will refund all but your office fees.
- Travel safe as well. If you are driving, be sure to wear a mask any time you stop for gas, food, lodging, etc. If you are flying, wear a mask at all times and be careful what you touch. Think of all those other folks that have touched that hand rail or door knob. Be sure to have your portable hand sanitizer with you and use it often.





# Final Thoughts

- Please be advised that this will likely be the biggest show with collective classes so far this year. All eyes are on us to prove that we can conduct ourselves in a responsible manner. If we do not follow the rules, we not only jeopardize the Youth/Mid-Summer show itself, but all subsequent shows with collective classes. So keep in mind that includes the remaining local shows, Regionals and the remaining 2 National Shows – Sport Horse and US Nationals for 2020. OUR INDUSTRY IS DEPENDING ON YOU.
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- Together we can make this work. Whether or not you personally believe in masks and social distancing, please don't let your behavior reflect poorly on the rest of us and put our industry at risk. COVID isn't going away any time soon. If you chose not to comply with these restrictions, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY.
- Look forward to seeing each and every one of you in a week or so. Best wishes for a fun and successful show.



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