COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER

Reopening Protocol for Equestrian Centers

Recent Updates:
7/24/20: Updated language regarding duration of isolation period (changes highlighted in yellow)
7/17/20: Updated to clarify policy regarding use of face coverings by employees and visitors as well as symptom checks for employees and visitors.
7/9/20: Updated to include a requirement that employers provide information to employees about employee sick leave benefits

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) is calling on the public, all business owners and community organizations to support the reopening of businesses and public spaces. Through our collective Safer at Home efforts, we have successfully slowed the number of new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, allowing for a phased reopening of many aspects of regular life.

To aid in this transition, Public Health asks all Equestrian Center operators to take appropriate steps to plan for reopening, in alignment with the Recovery Plan. The following issues are critical and must be addressed to ensure that workers and players reduce the risk of spread at equestrian centers:

(1) Protecting and supporting employee and customer health

(2) Ensuring appropriate physical distancing

(3) Ensuring proper infection control

(4) Communicating with the public

(5) Ensuring equitable access to services

These critical areas have been incorporated into the checklist below and must be implemented as required equestrian center reopening protocols.

All Equestrian Centers must implement all applicable measures listed below and be prepared to explain why any measure that is not implemented is not applicable.

Equestrian Center name:

Facility Address:

A. RECOMMENDED RESTRICTIONS

☐ Physical distancing of six (6) feet is required at all times.

- ☐ Face coverings are required at all times while in the common areas, including, without limitation, parking lots and stables. This applies to all adults and to children 2 years of age and older. Only individuals who have been instructed not to wear a face covering by their medical provider are exempt from wearing one. To support the safety of your employees and other visitors, a face covering should be made available to visitors who arrive without them.

- ☐ Symptom checks are conducted before visitors may enter the facility. Checks must include a check-in concerning cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing and fever or chills. These checks can be done in person or through alternative methods such as on-line check in systems or through signage posted at the entrance to the facility stating that visitors with these symptoms should not enter the premises.

- ☐ Face coverings are not required during riding so long as physical distancing is maintained.

- ☐ Facility operators and staff wear a face covering and gloves at all times.

- ☐ Rides (Horse string) are single file and a maximum of four (4) riders at a time while practicing physical distancing.

- ☐ Private horse lessons require proper physical distancing and both instructor and student must wear face coverings at all times.

- ☐ No Group lessons are allowed.

- ☐ Maximum number of two (2) riders in a round pen at any time. Round pens must be large enough to allow for physical distancing

- ☐ Only one (1) horse and one (1) boarder are allowed within the wash racks at a time.

- ☐ Doors, entrances, and/or gates remain open during normal operational hours.

- ☐ Payment of any fees is done on-line and/or utilizing an outdoor facing window or door.

- ☐ All employees have been told not to come to work if sick, or if they are exposed to a person who has COVID-19. Employees understand to follow DPH guidance for self-isolation and quarantine, if applicable. Workplace leave policies have been reviewed and modified to ensure that employees are not penalized when they stay home due to illness.

- ☐ Workers are provided information on employer or government-sponsored leave benefits the employee may be entitled to receive that would make it financially easier to stay at home. See additional information on government programs supporting sick leave and worker's compensation for COVID-19, including employee's sick leave rights under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act and employee's rights to workers' compensation benefits and presumption of the work-relatedness of COVID-19 pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-62-20.

- ☐ Upon being informed that one or more employees test positive for, or has symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (case), the employer has a plan or protocol in place to have the case(s) isolate themselves at home and require the immediate self-quarantine of all employees that had a workplace exposure to the case(s). The employer's plan should consider a protocol for all quarantined employees to have access to or be tested for COVID-19 in order to determine whether there have been additional workplace exposures, which may require additional COVID-19 control measures. See the public health guidance on responding to COVID-19 in the workplace.

- ☐ <u>Employee screenings</u> are conducted before employees may enter the workspace. Checks must include a check-in concerning cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing and fever or chills and if the employee has had contact with a person known to be infected COVID-19 in the last 14 days. These checks can be done remotely or in person upon the employees' arrival. A temperature check should also be done at the worksite if feasible.

- ☐ In the event that 3 or more cases are identified within the facility within a span of 14 days the employer should report this outbreak to the Department of Public Health at (888) 397-3993 or (213) 240-7821. If a cluster is identified at a worksite, the Department of Public Health will initiate a cluster response which includes providing infection control guidance and recommendations, technical support and site-specific control measures. A public health case manager will be assigned to the cluster investigation to help guide the facility response.

- ☐ Employees who have contact with others are offered, at no cost, an appropriate face covering that covers the nose and mouth. The covering is to be worn by the employee at all times during the workday when in contact or likely to come into contact with others. Employees who have been instructed by their medical provider that they should not wear a face covering should wear a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, to be in compliance with State directives, as long as their condition permits it. A drape that is form fitting under the chin is preferred. Masks with one-way valves should not be used. Employees need not wear a face covering when the employee is alone in a private office or a cubicle with a solid partition that exceeds the height of the employee when standing.

- ☐ Employees are instructed to wash or replace their face coverings daily.

- ☐ Employees have been reminded to adhere to personal prevention actions including:
  - ☐ Stay home when you are sick.
    - ▪ Stay home for at least <mark>24 hours</mark> after recovery, which means your fever has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medications and there is improvement in your symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath), AND at least 10 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared.
    - ▪ If you tested positive for COVID-19 but never had any symptoms, you must stay home until:
      - • 10 days after the date of the first positive test, but
      - • If you develop symptoms, you need to follow the instructions above.
  - ☐ Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Wash your hands before meals, after using the restroom and after coughing and sneezing.
  - ☐ Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and then dispose of the tissue and clean your hands immediately. If you do not have a tissue, use your elbow (not your hands).
  - ☐ Do not touch your mouth, eyes, nose with unwashed hands.
  - ☐ Avoid contact with people who are sick.

  - ☐ Avoid sharing items such as phones or other devices. If devices must be shared

be sure to wipe them down with a disinfectant wipe before and after sharing.

☐ Constantly observe your work distances in relation to other staff. Always maintain the recommended minimum 6 feet separation from others unless specific work assignments require less distancing and wear a face cloth covering when working near or with others.

☐ Disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces such as workstations, keyboards, telephones, handrails, machines, shared devices, and doorknobs. This should be done hourly during business hours.

☐ Copies of this Protocol have been distributed to all employees.

B. MAINTENANCE PROTOCOLS

☐ Group gatherings are prohibited, and benches and tables are removed or cordoned off because they can't be used.

☐ Commonly used items are sanitized regularly.

☐ Commonly used equipment is sanitized before and after each use.

☐ Restrooms are sanitized regularly.

☐ All tack (horse equipment) will be sanitized after every ride.

☐ All boarders use their own wash rack supplies and hoses are sanitized regularly.

☐ Water fountains are available to fill water bottles only.

C. MONITORING PROTOCOLS

☐ Instruction and information signage is posted throughout the facility regarding infection control, physical distancing and the use of face coverings.

☐ During regular business hours, an employee (Safety Manager) is dedicated to solely ensuring patrons are practicing physical distancing protocols and to constantly sanitize high touch areas.

☐ Facility operators monitor compliance of posted restrictions.

☐ Participants are asked to leave if not complying with these restrictions

Any additional measures not included above should be listed on separate pages, which the business should attach to this document.

You may contact the following person with any
questions or comments about this protocol:

Equestrian
Center Contact   Phone number:
Name:

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Date Last
Revised:

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