

Old Salem Farm

2021 COVID-19

Protocols and Action Plan for Competitions

Old Salem Farm is dedicated to ensuring the safety and welfare of horses, participants, and all involved in supporting our horse shows. Old Salem Farm's 120-acre equestrian facility provides adequate space to properly mitigate risks associated with COVID-19. The below guidelines meet the standards put in place by the World Health Organization (WHO), the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), and the NY State Dept of Health.

The following protocols and actions will apply to our 2021 horse shows. OSF will update these procedures as necessary to observe all Recommended Best Practices by USEF for mitigating risks related to the COVID-19 virus.

Safety Management

Old Salem Farm has designated a Health and Safety Manager to coordinate the development of our health preparedness and response planning and to ensure the guidelines and protocols are being executed. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Suzanne Muratore, the OSF Health and Safety Manager, at suem@oldsalemfarm.net. Our plan does not allow spectators onto the property. All individuals with access to the property will be approved for entry.

Risk Assessment

OSF and the USEF have both completed the World Health Organization risk assessment for Sporting Events, and it was determined that equestrian events are a low-risk event for transmission of the virus in general.

Access

- Temperatures will be checked each time you enter the property. All necessary waivers and statements of health must be signed at the entrance at which time you will be issued a wristband. Wristbands must be worn throughout the week of competition. Without it you will need to redo all necessary paperwork. If you are participating multiple weeks, you must bring the wristband from the previous week to receive a new wristband.
- Any person with known or suspected symptoms of COVID-19 or who has been exposed to a person with symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, shortness of breath, or fever) should follow self-quarantine protocols and not come to any events.
- All competition staff, officials and service providers will be required to monitor their temperature daily before entering the competition grounds. Anyone with a temperature above 99.5 F (37.5 C) will be asked to quarantine and report findings to Management immediately to avoid an incident of possible exposure to others.

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- Until further notice the shows should only be attended by Trainers, Riders, Grooms, Owners, Competition Staff, and parents attending as a minor's guardian.
- Everyone entering the show grounds will be required to wear a face mask when not mounted on a horse as well as stay 6 feet apart from each other.
- The main barn will be closed to all exhibitors and horse show staff. Portable bathrooms will be on site for your convenience and sanitized frequently.
- Please do not gather in large groups. The grounds will be monitored and if necessary, you will be asked to leave if not following proper social distancing protocols.

Positive Test Protocol

- Any individual who develops symptoms must immediately self-isolate and should seek medical care. Staff and participants with symptoms (based on self-assessment, screening, etc.) must leave the property immediately. Symptoms should be reported to the OSF COVID-19 program leader who can be reached at the main show office by phone at 914-669-5610, or through email at suem@oldsalemfarm.net
- Individuals must notify OSF if they test positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of the competition (either during or after conclusion of competition). In addition, individuals must notify OSF if they or a family member who is currently residing with anyone present on the Positive Test Protocol:
- OSF will notify USEF and relevant county officials within 24 hours if a person who was present on the competition grounds tests positive for COVID-19 during or within 14 days of the conclusion of competition. The information will include confirmed cases and relevant information on the circumstances of transmission and contact information of the infected to assist local health officials with their contact tracing program.
- If an individual tests positive for COVID-19, they may not re-enter the venue until ten days have passed and they have not had a fever for a 24-hour period during which they did not take any fever reducing drugs.

- The entire barn of a competitor or barn employee that tests positive for COVID-19 may be required to leave the property and self-quarantine, depending on the results of the OSF contact tracing program.
- Staff members in contact with a staff member who tests positive for COVID-19 will be required to leave the property and self-quarantine.
- Areas frequented by an individual who reports a positive COVID-19 test will receive additional deep sanitation. Show grounds tests positive during competition.

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Show Office / Agreements

- All entries, stalls, adds, scratches, feed & bedding orders and invoicing must be done online. Entries must be accompanied by a credit card number.
- There will be limited admittance to the horse show office. Only one designated representative from each group will be allowed in the office at a time.
- There is a Plexiglas barrier to provide additional protection and each show secretary will wear a mask.
- When all stations are occupied, individuals will wait outside the building.
- All participants, including licensed officials and volunteers, need to provide emergency contact information and execute an updated Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption and Risk of Indemnity Agreement required by USEF, as a condition of participation. No entries will be accepted or processed without an entry blank and a signed form.

Signage

- Signs will be posted at the entrance and throughout the grounds that will display all applicable federal, state, and local regulation, including WHO and CDC guidelines as they relate to COVID-19.

Social Distancing/Participation Protocols

- Masks **MUST** be worn when not mounted on a horse. Everyone on the show grounds not from the same family or barn must always keep a distance of at least 6 feet apart.

- Participants must comply with all social distancing requirements including frequent handwashing throughout the day as well as using hand sanitizer when handwashing is not available. Hand Sanitizer will be available around the property for everyone's convenience.
- Announcements will be made throughout the day regarding social distancing and wearing of masks.
- Individuals not adhering to the protocols will be required to leave the property.

Horse Emergencies

OSF will have a HEART horse ambulance on site each day of competition. They will be equipped with an extra set of masks, gloves, and eye protection for those attending to emergencies where physical distancing cannot be maintained.

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Stabling

- Only essential personnel will be allowed in the stabling area. Essential personal is defined by trainers, grooms, riders, and veterinarians. All others will be restricted.
- Daily cleaning of the stalls and barn area is the responsibility of each barn. We ask that you frequently sanitize the area and leave enough space to properly social distance from others.

Competition / Schooling Rings

- Each show ring will have a dedicated schooling area. We ask that people be considerate to others that when setting jumps you wear gloves and to wipe or spray down (spray will be provided by OSF) schooling jumps after use.
- We will be frequently updating information online regarding schedules and time updates throughout the day. Check our website and social media.
- Some Ribbons/Awards will be handed out at the ring. There will be a designated area where you may pick up your other ribbons and awards. Please do not crowd the area.

Food Concession

- OSF will have a VIP tent and food vendors on site with social distancing protocols in place. Masks should be worn if not eating.
- Proper protocols will be followed regarding social distancing and disinfecting of common areas.

Parking

- There will be a parking attendant to assist with parking trailers and to monitor attendees to insure proper social distance protocols are being followed.

Emergency Response Plan

- There will be 2 EMT's on staff each day of competition at all Spring Horse Shows.
- There will be an ambulance with a paramedic and EMT on site each week Fri-Sun.
- Should an occurrence related to a COVID-19 incident or outbreak we will immediately call local medical resources and isolate any individuals with symptoms until local 911 authorities evaluate and act on the situation.
- All staff and participants as well as service providers and vendors will be notified immediately via email, text and announcements.
- All protocols will be available on our website as well as distributed to all personnel.

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