



LAKE ERIE

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COVID-19 ACTION PLAN

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We recognize the huge responsibility that comes with hosting equestrian competitions. We take this responsibility very seriously and are already at work to ensure that our horse shows can be managed safely and successfully.

We are committed to providing a safe and fun experience for our competitors, especially in consideration of (COVID-19) restrictions.

In conjunction with local, state and federal recommendations and mandates, including those from the World Health Organization (WHO), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and United States Equestrian, Lake Erie College has implemented the following guidelines and cleaning protocols, in addition to our regular stringent standards, to alleviate the potential impact of COVID-19 and to ensure that our horse shows are smooth, efficient and most importantly, safe for all involved.

Thank you in advance for abiding by these guidelines!



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PLAN OVERVIEW

US Equestrian has developed a comprehensive approach to returning to competition with appropriate COVID-19 protocols. We have used these guidelines as the basis for our plan. In addition, we have utilized the WHO Risk Assessment to measure the effectiveness of our planning efforts. With the use of this Risk Assessment, we have determined that we are operating at a low risk level. View the USEF COVID-19 Action Plan [here](#).

- PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT
- SCREENING AND MONITORING
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- HORSE SHOW OFFICE
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- STABLING
- BATHROOMS & PUBLIC SPACES
- RESPONSE TO POTENTIAL EXPOSURE

Personal Protective Equipment

All employees, competitors, and visitors on property will be required to wear a mask at all times while onsite at LEC except when mounted on a horse.

In accordance with CDC recommendations, it is strongly recommended that a mask be worn anytime a person is outside their home. In accordance with the Ohio Department of Health guidelines, face shields are not an acceptable substitute. Face masks are required and considered more effective in preventing the spread of viruses.

Screening & Monitoring

A temperature check is mandatory for everyone prior to admission to the show and temperatures are taken at the main entrance.

A wristband will be given to each person following the temperature check to show that their temperature has been taken. No one will be allowed on the property if any symptoms or fevers are present.

If you are not feeling well or have any symptoms of illness, please stay home!

Horse Show Office

Although the show office will be staffed and extra social distancing will allow for in- person communication without personal contact, there should be little need to enter the office.

Masks are required to enter the building.

Entry Process

As practically as possible, we are creating a touchless process for operations that will become our “new normal” as it best protects all of us. To reduce the risk of COVID-19, we will rely on paperless entry forms, releases, and methods of payment. Forms must be submitted prior to arrival on the showgrounds. Once all forms are received and processed, you will be assigned a competitor number that can be used to enter the event.

All stabling registration must be done digitally through the stabling request at www.horseshowoffice.com. Horses must have confirmed stabling prior to arrival.

For assistance with the stabling reservation form and online registration process, please contact our horse show secretary..

Arenas

Only 5 horses and 10 people will be permitted in the main warmup ring at one time. Only 8 horses and 16 people will be permitted in the Inspiration Arena at one time. All people must practice social distancing.

Additional hand sanitizer stations will be placed around in-gates and in the barns.

All spectator areas will either be closed or set up to comply with social distancing requirements.

The judge's booth(s) will be set up to comply with social distancing requirements.

All arenas will have monitors to enforce the guidelines with the authority to eliminate schooling privileges for those who do not follow the rules on Lake Erie College showgrounds and property.

Stabling

Social distancing will be enforced in the stabling area. Stabling areas will be strictly limited to essential personnel during limited operations. Only competitors and essential staff will be allowed in barn areas. Hand sanitizing stations will be placed at each barn. We ask that competitors regularly sanitize all hard surfaces and equipment including: tack, grooming, feeding, stall cleaning materials, etc.

Masks are mandatory in all barn areas.

Bathrooms & Public Spaces

Commonly-touched surfaces like door handles are sanitized frequently during hours of operation. Hand sanitizing stations have been placed throughout the property. All medical personnel at the facility will wear protective gear as required by federal, state and local regulations. Signage with safety guidelines is posted throughout the property as reminders for practicing social distancing and hand sanitizing.

Response to Potential Exposure

If a participant displays symptoms or otherwise indicates high risk for possible infection, he/she will not be allowed to access the facility and participate in the show. Once identified, we will engage local medical/public health staff to perform contact tracing and enhance evaluation of confirmed contact, per CDC guidelines, so we can quickly mitigate any concerns of spread.

If you have any concerns about the possibility of infection, you should contact the Show Manager or Wendy Burt, 773-575-8586, Coordinator of Equine Studies.

Thank you for your
cooperation and support as
we work together to ensure
everyone's safety.

