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COVID-19 ACTION PLAN

And EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

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George M. Humphrey Equestrian Center
8031 Morley Road, Mentor, OH 44060

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We recognize the huge responsibility that comes with hosting equestrian competitions. We take this responsibility very seriously and we are working hard to ensure that our dressage shows operate 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 Federation (USEF), Lake Erie College has revised our earlier COVID-19 protocols. We have implemented the following guidelines in addition to our own 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!



Pam Hess, DVM

**COVID-19
COMPLIANCE/RESOURCE OFFICER**

Dressage Show Manager
Dean, School of Equine Studies
Lake Erie College



Wendy Burt

Dressage Show Secretary
Coordinator of Equine Studies
Lake Erie College

ACTION PLAN OVERVIEW

USEF has developed a comprehensive approach to returning to competition in 2022 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 current USEF Coronavirus Disease Updates and Resources information [here](#).

Lake Erie College is operating in accordance with all of the most current CDC and State of Ohio health orders regarding COVID-19.



Everyone entering the competition grounds is required to self-monitor their temperature once-daily prior to entering the competition grounds. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4° F (38° C) or higher may not enter the facility. All persons must be able to attest to their own health status with regard to potential symptoms of COVID-19 or exposure.

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

All persons on the show grounds must have completed a USEF Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement this season. If you have NOT filled out this waiver, please come to the show office to complete a waiver and give it to the Show Secretary.

**FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED INDOORS, including in the
George M. Humphrey Equestrian Learning Center.**

**FACE MASKS ARE RECOMMENDED BUT NOT REQUIRED
in our barns and arenas.**

A participant may choose to wear a facemask or face covering when mounted on a horse and cannot be disqualified or penalized for doing so while competing.

In accordance with the current health recommendations of the CDC and the State of Ohio and Lake Erie College, we do require competitors, visitors and show employees to wear face masks indoors regardless of their personal vaccination status.

We request that everyone observe respectful social distancing practices whenever possible. Wash your hands frequently and avoid crowding situations. Competitors and visitors may wear face masks in the barns and arenas at their own discretion.

The following individuals are not allowed to enter the competition grounds:

- Anyone who exhibits COVID-19 symptoms, including a temperature of 100.4° F (38° C) or higher.
- Anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within last 10 days.
- Anyone who has tested positive outside of the past 10 days, but is still symptomatic
- *Anyone who has been exposed to or has been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 7-10 days (dependent upon certain criteria - refer to current CDC Quarantine Options).
 - *Exception: Healthcare personnel who have treated patients using appropriate medical-grade PPE during the course of performing professional duties and those individuals who are fully vaccinated are exempted from this quarantine restriction.

RESPONSE PLAN SPECIFIC to a COVID-19 SITUATION

Emergency Response Information

*When calling for emergency services,
be prepared to give your location at the
Lake Erie College Equestrian Center
10145 Pinecrest Road in Concord Township.*

- Fire Department: Dial 911
- Paramedics:
 - Paramedics are on site during the horse show competition, ask announcer to call for Medic.
 - For paramedic services outside of competition hours, Dial 911
- Ambulance: Dial 911
- Police or Lake County Sheriff: Dial 911
- Competition Manager: Dr. Pam Hess, Cell: 440-477-3474
- COVID-19 Compliance/Resource Officer: Show Manager
Dr. Pam Hess, Cell: 440-477-3474

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN SPECIFIC to a COVID-19 SITUATION

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 may engage local medical/public health staff to perform contact tracing and enhance evaluation of confirmed contact, per current CDC guidelines, so we can quickly mitigate any concerns of spread.

Any individual on competition grounds who tests positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of the conclusion of the competition, is required to report such result to the Show Manager Dr. Pam Hess 440-477-3474.

If you have any concerns about the possibility of a COVID-19 infection, please contact the Show Manager Pam Hess at 440-477-3474. All COVID-19 infections within 10 days of the competition may be reported to the Lake County Health Department, if required by local health ordinances.

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



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