

# Hidden Creek Equestrian Center

## Covid-19 Barn Protocols

- If you are not feeling well or have come into contact with anyone who is not feeling well, please stay home. Additionally, if you or anyone you have come in contact with, has a fever of 99.5° or higher, please stay home.
- Everyone entering the barn MUST use hand sanitizer prior to entering. Hand sanitizer bottles will be located on the ledge just inside the front door.
- Wash hands often. Sinks and soap are located in both the utility room and the bathroom.
- Everyone MUST wear a mask at all times in the barn or in ring viewing areas except while riding or longing. Masks may be removed when putting helmet on. After riding, as soon as possible, helmet must be removed and mask put back on.
- Everyone MUST wipe down all surfaces they have touched with bleach solution and cloths found at the doors to both tack rooms. This includes, but is not limited to: grooming supplies, door knobs, stall door latches, cross-tie clips, brooms, etc.
- Only barn staff are permitted in the feed room, lounge or office at this time.
- Practice social distancing, remaining at least 6 feet away from others at all times.
- Please leave all doors open that you find open in order to minimize touching surfaces.
- Please practice good hygiene and sneeze or cough into your elbow, rather than your hand.

**Thank you for helping us to provide a safe, healthy environment for everyone!**

# **Hidden Creek Equestrian Center**

## **Covid-19 Barn Protocols for Boarders**

**In addition to the General Barn Protocols, we ask that all Boarders follow these guidelines:**

- **Ride times must be scheduled for the week in advance, no later than Sunday.**
- **Only one rider will be permitted to ride or longe in the indoor ring at one time. Two riders will be permitted to ride in the dressage ring at one time and two riders will be permitted to ride or longe in the jumping ring at one time. Please maintain proper social distancing even when on walk breaks.**
- **If you are riding during hours in which barn staff members are present or when lessons are scheduled, please tack up in your horse's stall if it is safe to do so. If not, please allow as much room as possible for someone to pass by if needed.**
- **Masks are required at all times in the barn or near the rings, except when longing or riding.**
- **Only one family member or significant other is permitted to accompany you to the barn. That person must remain with you at all times - no wandering from stall to stall to see the horses or socializing with staff or other riders.**
- **Please wipe down the tack room door knobs, light switch and stall door latch, along with any other door knobs, surfaces or barn equipment you have touched. These items include, but are not limited to: cross tie clips (including in the wash stall), hose nozzles and water spigots, brooms, wheelbarrows and pitchforks.**
- **Please practice social distancing with others you may encounter in and around the barn.**

# **Hidden Creek Equestrian Center**

## **Covid-19 Barn Protocols for Students**

**In addition to the General Barn Protocols, we ask that all Students follow these guidelines:**

- **Only one family member is permitted to accompany you to the barn. That person must remain with you at all times - no wandering from stall to stall to see the horses or give them treats. This family member must watch your lesson from the designated seating area, with their mask on. If you are having your lesson outside in the dressage ring, they are welcome to pull their car up to the gate and watch from inside their car if they prefer.**
- **If you do not already own your own helmet, we strongly encourage you to purchase one. This allows you to properly fit your helmet prior to arriving at the stable and minimizes the need for person to person contact. If you are unable to do so, we will continue to provide helmets to our students; however, we will require you to adjust the helmet yourself or to have a parent assist you with this. All Hidden Creek helmets will be disinfected between riders.**
- **All students will be required to wear gloves while grooming and riding. Riding gloves are preferred; however, any thin gloves will work also.**
- **You must wear a mask at all times except when riding. You may remove your mask when you put your helmet on, just prior to mounting. If you have a family member with you, you should hand the mask to them to hold while you ride. If you are coming to the barn alone, please bring a small plastic bag to put your mask in while you ride. As soon as you dismount, you should remove your helmet and put your mask back on.**
- **Please adjust your stirrups prior to bringing your horse to the ring.**

# **Hidden Creek Equestrian Center Covid-19 Barn Protocols for Working Students**

**In addition to the General Barn Protocols and Protocols for Students, we ask that all Working Students follow these guidelines:**

- **You must wear a mask at all times when you are not riding or longing and practice proper social distancing, maintaining a minimum of 6 feet away from others, to the greatest extent possible.**
- **For students who are able to tack up independently, please do not assist them unless a problem arises.**
- **For students who are not able to tack up independently, you will be responsible for grooming and tacking up for them. They will arrive at the barn only a few minutes prior to their lesson time in order to get their helmet on and mount. You will also be responsible for untacking and cooling out the horse for them. They will leave as soon as they dismount. All stirrups should be adjusted prior to the student mounting - we will keep a list of tack and stirrup lengths for each student following their first lesson back to limit the amount of adjusting that must be done while they are mounted.**
- **If a student uses a Hidden Creek helmet, you will be required to disinfect it with the spray provided as soon as possible after they remove it and prior to anyone else using the same helmet.**
- **Bleach solution and towels will be located by both tack room doors. You will be expected to wipe down all grooming supplies, brooms, pitchforks, stall door latches, cross-tie clips, hose nozzles, water spigots, etc. that you or any student has touched prior to the next person using them.**
- **You will be expected to clean with saddle soap all tack used for lesson horses each night. If possible, please wipe down the reins and parts of the tack that students have touched between riders. Remember to clean the horses' bits with just water after each ride.**

- **You will be expected to do a thorough grooming of one lesson horse each night and to pick out the hooves of all of the lesson horses each night. There will be a list on the desk in the office that you will be required to initial at the end of the night.**
- **You will not be expected to do any evening medications for horses; however, you will still be expected to water the horses and give them their hay.**
- **You will still be expected to keep the barn aisles swept and tidy throughout the night in addition to sweeping the barn aisles after the horses get their hay.**