

APRIL 1st 2021 MEADOWLARK COVID-19 PROTOCOL
PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY

Dear Boarders, Students, and Friends!

Cases of COVID-19 patients in our area continue to hover at alarming numbers, and so we have updated and adapted our current protocols to take this into account. Please bear with us, and understand that none of this is permanent. Things will be in flux for some time to come, yet, and protocols may continue to relax or tighten, depending on the Governor's future executive orders as well as the local COVID numbers. Changes or new rules since our last update have been marked in bold.

GENERAL COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

- All visitors must fill out a Meadowlark Covid Questionnaire prior to arriving at the farm, if they intend to leave their vehicles. (<https://forms.gle/UHHZq5BBZyFcgJEC8>)
- Observation of lessons is permitted, with a maximum of six (6) viewers in the downstairs viewing area, from no more than three (3) households total.
- Masks (or comparable face-wear) must be worn at all times, even by persons who have been vaccinated. The only exception to this is for equine professionals such as vets, dentists and farriers, who may mask as needed (but may not logistically be able to wear masks when working.) We are not currently making exceptions for outdoor mask use while riding.
- Social distances of a minimum of SIX feet must be maintained at all times, even when masked.
- After mucking stalls, you must be sure to sanitize all wheelbarrows, latches, and pitchforks.
- **If you are a high-risk boarder or visitor, please feel free to contact us about coordinating a visit with lower-numbers of visitors.**
- ALL riders are encouraged to use outdoor grooming stations whenever possible.
- ALL riders are encouraged to ride outdoors whenever possible. Large sliding doors in the indoor will be left open for ventilation.
- Indoor riding arena may be unavailable in the event of a clinic, depending on the circumstances. Please watch the calendar or Facebook for updates!
- Trails do not have a maximum capacity for riders, but if you are riding in a group, all riders must wear masks as riding in a single-file line can increase the possibility of airborne transmission.
- SOLO trail riders may unmask when alone on the trails, but must put masks back on when in sight of the barns.

- **If you are able to supply your own sanitation supplies, we ask (or maybe we should beg?) that you do!** Keeping sanitation supplies stocked at the farm is proving to be a challenge, as it is difficult and costly to procure these supplies. We recommend that each student or boarder bring their own spray of disinfectant - either a sanitizing bleach mixture, or a mix with 70%+ alcohol content. Do NOT use these sprays on tack. Spray saddle-soap will be available for student use.
- PLEASE respect the safety of our staff! Many of these limitations are in place to protect them, as well as yourselves.

We cannot thank you all enough for your patience, understanding and support during this challenging time. Winter is the most difficult season for horse farms, financially as well as weather-wise, and heading into the winter with a pandemic looming and potential shut-down in our programs' futures is intimidating to say the least.

If you are not comfortable coming to the farm for any reason, or if you have any concerns or questions about the new protocols, we urge you to reach out to us. Communication is the key to any healthy community - and we love and cherish our community members and want to maintain an open channel!

**With love and hope,
Kay and Emily**

IMPORTANT LINKS:

Current Meadowlark COVID-19 Protocols

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sZaw17Yo8-dSKBLmnt_unQPtcGS7Ke5ndP1BCYPISX4

Meadowlark Digital COVID questionnaire

<https://forms.gle/9m9LufkLyLc9RN386>

USEF COVID-19 Protocols

<https://www.usef.org/media/coronavirus-resources>

CDC COVID-19 Recommendations

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

WHO COVID-19 Recommendations

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>

Michigan Executive Orders

https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499_90705---,00.html

MDHHS Epidemic Orders

https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_98455-533660--,00.html