

COVID-19 UPDATE OF NEW BARN RULES FOR OUR PHASE 1 OPENING

TRAIL RIDES AND LEASE RIDES WILL OPEN STARTING ON MONDAY, JUNE 1ST 2020. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO OUR PROGRAM WILL COME INTO AFFECT IMMEDIATELY AND MUST BE FOLLOWED BY ANYONE ATTENDING EQUESTRIAN ACTIVITIES AT RSEC. THE PHASE 1 OPENING INCLUDES AT THIS TIME, LEASE RIDERS AND TRAIL RIDES ONLY. PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE CHANGES WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN AFFECT ONCE LESSONS ARE ABLE TO BEGIN AGAIN AS WELL. (MORE UPDATES AND CHANGES I'M SURE WILL COME INTO EFFECT BEFORE THAT CAN HAPPEN, BUT HERE'S WHAT WE HAVE SO FAR.) PARENTS, I WOULD ASK THAT YOU GO OVER THESE RULES WITH YOUR CHILDREN SO THAT THEY ARE WELL EDUCATED AND AWARE BEFORE EVER ARRIVING AT THE STABLES. THANK YOU!

THE FOLLOWING ARE PERMANENT UPDATED RULES THAT WILL BE ENFORCED AT ALL TIMES:

1. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY: ALL STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PURCHASE THEIR OWN HELMETS, GROOMING KITS AND TACK CLEANING KITS. MY SUGGESTION WOULD BE TO PURCHASE THE TACK CLEANING WIPES AS THEY ARE CONVINIENT AND EASY USE. THEY ARE \$13.99 PLUS TAX. FOR HELMETS, (TIPPERARY BRAND HELMETS IS MY SUGGESTION FOR COMFORT AND AFFORDABILITY) THEY RANGE IN PRICE FROM \$89.99-\$99.99 PLUS TAX. NEW GROOMING KITS RANGE IN PRICE FROM \$16.99-\$30.00 PLUS TAX. ALL ITEMS CAN EASILY BE PURCHASED THROUGH GREENHAWK BOTH ON-LINE OR IN THE STORE. THE CLOSEST STORE TO US IS IN TRURO, AND YES, THEY DO SHIP. YOU MAY ALSO FIND THESE ITEMS AT SOME OF THE LOCAL FEED STORES.
2. FOR COST EFFECTIVENESS, JENNA AND I WILL BE PUTTING TOGETHER SOME USED BRUSHES FOR GROOMING KITS AT A DISCOUNTED PRICE OF \$12.00, THAT CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE BARN IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GO GET NEW. THERE WILL BE A LIMITED SUPPLY OF COURSE, SO PLEASE CHECK WITH US BEFORE ASSUMING WE HAVE THEM FOR YOUR VISIT.
3. ONLY 1 PERSON AT A TIME IS TO BE IN THE TACK ROOM, 5 PEOPLE MAXIMUM TO BE AT THE BARN AT ONE TIME.
4. THERE WILL BE A BOTTLE OF HAND SANITIZER AT THE RING ENTRANCE TO BE USED BEFORE YOU MOUNT.
5. ALL TACK MUST BE DISINFECTED (WE WILL PROVIDE THE DISINFECTANT SPRAY LOCATED ON THE BENCH BY THE BARN DOOR TO THE RIGHT AS YOU WALK IN), AND CLEANED AFTER EVERY USE, NO EXCEPTIONS!!
6. I'D ASK THAT EVERYONE BRING WITH THEM A PACK OF DISINFECTANT WIPES TO USE ON ANY OF THE BARN EQUIPMENT THAT YOU MIGHT TOUCH DURING YOUR VISIT. (I.E. WHEEL BARREL, FORKS, DOOR KNOBS, CROSS TIES ETC...) I'D LIKE TO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO BE CONSCIOUS OF LIMITINING WHAT THEY TOUCH WHILE AT THE BARN. WE WILL BE WIPING DOWN COMMON SURFACES AFTER EACH VISIT REGARLESS. HOWEVER, IT WILL MAKE OUR JOB A LITTLE LESS STRESSFUL IF EVERYONE IS AWARE OF LIMITING CONTACT AT ALL TIMES.
7. ALL RIDERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PICK UP MANURE IN THE RIDING RING, DRIVEWAY, YARD, ETC, AFTER THEIR RIDES. WE WILL BE PLACING A WHEEL BARREL, FORK, GARBAGE CAN AND A CONTAINER OF DISINFECTANT WIPES TO USE ON HANDLES AFTER YOU ARE DONE BY THE RING FOR YOUR USE. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU DUMP THAT MANURE ON THE MANURE PILE AND PUT EVERYTHING BACK IN IT'S PLACE, WIPED DOWN BEFORE LEAVING THE PREMISIS.

IN THE TACK ROOM----(NEWLY ORGANIZED)

ALL TACK IS NAME TAGGED SO YOU CAN EASILY FIND YOUR HORSES TACK. THE NEW GIRTH BOARD WILL BE TAGGED FOR EACH HORSE, WHICH WILL ENSURE THAT YOU KNOW WHAT GIRTH TO USE WITHOUT HAVING TO ASK. WE HAVE SOME NEW RULES IN PLACE FOR HOW YOU ARE TO KEEP YOUR TACK AT ALL TIMES. PLEASE ENSURE YOU READ THESE AND FOLLOW THEM PROPERLY, ENSURING THAT YOU DO NOT LEAVE THAT TACK ROOM UNLESS IT'S DONE. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. ONLY 1 PERSON AT A TIME IS TO ENTER THE TACK ROOM.
2. ONCE YOU ARE FINISHED WITH YOUR RIDE, PLEASE REMOVE YOUR GIRTH AND SADDLE PAD. ENSURE YOUR GIRTHS ARE PUT BACK ON THE GIRTH BOARD ON THE PROPER HOOK, AND PADS BACK ON THE SHELF. IF THEY ARE SWEATY, PLEASE PUT THEM IN THE TACK ROOM LAUNDRY BIN FOR WASHING.
3. GIVE YOUR TACK A GOOD SPRAY WITH THE DISINFECTANT, AND A GOOD CLEANING AFTER EVERY SINGLE RIDE. (NO EXCEPTIONS!!! THIS HAS TO BE PART OF YOUR NEW ROUTINE EVERY TIME, SO ENSURE YOU ALLOT YOURSELF ENOUGH TIME AT THE BARN THAT THIS CAN BE INCLUDED IN YOUR ACTIVITIES.)
4. YOUR SADDLE IS TO BE PUT BACK ON IT'S PROPER RACK WITH THE SADDLE COVER CORRECTLY IN PLACE AND IF YOUR HORSE USES A WEDGE/GEL PAD ETC, THAT SHOULD BE THE ONLY OTHER THING ON YOUR SADDLE ONCE IT IS REPLACED IN ITS PROPER LOCATION. ON A MUDDY DAY, PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU INCLUDE WIPING DOWN YOUR STIRRUPS IN YOUR TACK CLEANING REGIME. (STAFF WILL HAPPILY TO SHOW YOU HOW IF YOU'RE UNSURE OF HOW TO DO THIS)
5. ENSURE THAT WHILE CLEANING YOUR BRIDLE, THAT YOUR BIT IS ALSO WASHED AND DRIED OFF BEFORE REPLACING YOUR BRIDLE ON IT'S PROPER HOOK IN A FIGURE 8.
6. BECAUSE OF COVID-19, WE ARE RESTRICTING LEAVING YOUR OWN PERSONAL GEAR AT THE STABLE. PLEASE TAKE YOUR BOOTS, HELMETS AND OTHER GEAR HOME EVERY TIME INSTEAD OF LEAVING THEM IN THE TACK ROOM TO HELP US AVOID UNNECESSARY CLUTTER.
7. IF YOU TRACK MUD INTO THE TACK ROOM, PLEASE ENSURE YOU GRAB THE BROOM AND SWEAP UP AFTER YOURSELF. WIPE DOWN ANY EQUIPMENT YOU USE BEFORE REPLACING IT IN IT'S PROPER SPOT. (BROOM, SHOVEL, ETC..)

IN THE BARN----(NEWLY ORGANIZED)

THERE IS A NEW SANITIZING STATION WITH HAND SANITIZER FOR YOURSELF, AS WELL AS DISINFECTANT SPRAY FOR YOUR TACK, RIGHT AS YOU WALK INTO THE BARN ON THE BENCH ON THE RIGHT WHERE THE BRUSHES USED TO BE. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU USE IT WHEN ARRIVING AND WHEN YOU LEAVE. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU FOLLOW THE RULES AS STATED BELOW AT ALL TIMES. PARENTS, PLEASE ENSURE YOUR KIDS ARE AWARE OF THEM BEFORE THEY EVER COME TO THE STABLES AND THAT YOU ASSIST IF THEY NEED YOUR HELP. PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING WILL BE IN PLACE FOR OUR PHASE 1 OPENING FOR LEASE RIDERS AND THOSE COMING FOR TRAIL RIDES:

1. ALL LEASE RIDES AND TRAIL RIDES MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE TO ENSURE WE CAN KEEP WITHIN THE GUIDELINES THAT HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO US BY EQUESTRIAN CANADA, AND SO WE ARE ABLE TO ENSURE RIDERS COMING IN AND LEAVING DON'T OVERLAP.
2. PLEASE ENSURE THAT WHILE YOU ARE AT THE BARN THAT YOU KEEP A DISTANCE OF 6' APART AT ALL TIMES FROM ANYONE ELSE AT THE BARN AT THAT TIME.
3. UNDER THE NEW RULES WE CAN ONLY HAVE 5 PEOPLE MAXIMUM AT THE BARN AT THE SAME TIME, AND ONLY 1 PERSON IN THE TACK ROOM AT ANY GIVEN TIME.
4. MAKE SURE YOU TAKE YOUR HELMET AND KITS HOME WITH YOU EVERY TIME SO WE CAN AVOID STAFF HAVING TO TOUCH YOUR STUFF.
5. AT THIS TIME, THE BARN WILL NOT BE USABLE TO TACK UP. LEASE RIDERS PLEASE MAKE USE OF THE HITCHING POSTS OUTSIDE AND WIPE THEM DOWN ONCE YOU HAVE YOUR HORSE TACKED UP. PLEASE REMOVE YOUR HALTER, LEAD AND GROOMING GEAR FROM THE HITCHING POST AREA BEFORE YOU GO FOR YOUR RIDE, SO IT CAN BE USED BY THE NEXT PERSON SAFELY. SAME RULES APPLY TO TRAIL RIDERS. IF YOU ARE AN INEXPERIENCED TRAIL RIDER, WE WILL HAVE YOUR HORSE TACKED UP FOR YOU AND BROUGHT TO THE RING FOR MOUNTING.
6. LEASE RIDERS----(THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ONE) IF YOU ARE TAKING YOUR LEASE HORSE OUT ON THE TRAILS, PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU DISMOUNT AND REMOVE ALL MANURE FROM THE TRAIL, SHOULD YOUR HORSE DECIDE TO HAVE A DUMP WHILE YOU'RE OUT THERE. I DO NOT WANT TO HEAR ANY COMPLAINTS ABOUT HORSE POOP OUT ON THE TRAIL FROM OUR LOCALS. PLEASE BE FULLY AWARE OF YOUR HORSES' AND BE READY TO DISMOUNT AND TAKE CARE OF IT SHOULD YOU COME ACROSS THIS AS YOU'RE RIDING.
7. NO ONE GETS TO GO OUT ON THEIR OWN. SO, IF YOU HAVE A DAY PLANNED FOR YOUR RIDE, PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE A BUDDY RIDER WITH YOU. (NO EXCEPTIONS)
8. IF YOU ARE PLANNING A TRAIL DAY INSTEAD OF A RIDE IN THE RING, YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO MARK ON THE BOARD IN THE BARN THE FOLLOWING:
 1. YOUR TIME OF DEPARTURE
 2. YOUR EXPECTED TIME OF RETURN
 3. WHAT DIRECTION YOU PLAN TO TRAVEL ON THE TRAIL
 4. AND, OF COURSE WHO YOU ARE AND WHAT HORSE YOU ARE TAKING

9. ENSURE THAT YOU ARE AWARE OF ALL NEW RULES PUT INTO PLACE AND FOLLOW THEM TO A T. WE WILL BE ENFORCING THEM ALL TO ENSURE EVERYONE CAN SAFELY ENJOY THEIR HORSEY TIME AND THAT WE CAN HOPEFULLY GET A PHASE 2 OPENING ASAP.

ONCE THE LESSON PROGRAM IS BACK IN PLACE, WE WILL UPDATE WITH MORE RULES TO FOLLOW. OUR PROGRAM WILL HAVE TO UNDERGO A FEW CHANGES TO FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES PUT FORTH BY OUR GOVERNMENT. ONCE WE ARE AWARE OF WHAT THOSE ARE, WE WILL FILL EVERYONE IN. FOR NOW, HERE IS A FEW OF THE CHANGES YOU CAN EXPECT TO BE PUT INTO PLACE:

1. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE BRINGING IN YOUR HORSE, WE WILL ENSURE YOUR HORSE IS BROUGHT IN BEFORE YOU ARRIVE.
2. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE TACKING UP, PLEASE STEP BACK 6' TO ALLOW YOUR BARN HELPER TO ASSIST AT A SAFE DISTANCE.
3. CHILDREN TAKING LESSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 10 WILL HAVE TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE ADULT WITH THEM DOWN AT THE STABLES DURING THEIR LESSON TIMES. THIS IS TO ENSURE THAT OUR STAFF CAN LIMIT THEIR CONTACT WITH THE LITTLE ONES WHEN THEY NEED ASSISTANCE WITH GROOMING, TACKING, ETC. ALSO, TO ENSURE YOUR CHILD DOESN'T LEAVE ANY OF THEIR GEAR BEHIND UPON LEAVING.
4. AUDIENCES FOR WATCHING LESSONS WILL HAVE TO BE KEPT TO A LIMIT OF 2 PEOPLE PER RIDER, AND MUST ENSURE THEY KEEP A 6' DISTANCE FROM ANYONE THAT DID NOT ARRIVE WITH THEM AT ALL TIMES. IF THERE ARE MORE THEN 4 PEOPLE AT THE RING SIDE DURING LESSON TIMES, YOU ARE OF COURSE WELCOME TO WATCH THE LESSON FROM YOUR VEHICLE.
5. THERE WILL BE A CHECK LIST IN THE TACK ROOM SO THAT EVERYONE CAN CLEARLY FOLLOW WHAT DUTIES HAVE TO BE DONE BEFORE LEAVING TO ENSURE EVERYTHING IS IN PLACE AND SAFE FOR THE NEXT FOLKS ARRIVING FOR THEIR HORSEY TIME.
6. BATHROOM USE---PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL HAVE DISINFECTANT WIPES/SPRAY IN THE BATHROOM DOWNSTAIRS FOR YOUR USE. I REALIZE THAT THE FACILITIES A NECESSITY WITH SO MANY STUDENTS COMING FROM AWAY, SO WE WILL LEAVE THEM OPEN FOR PUBLIC USE AT THIS TIME. PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU MUST FOLLOW PROTOCOL ON THIS IN ORDER FOR THIS PRIVILEGE TO REMAIN OPEN. I ASK THAT YOU PLEASE ENSURE YOU SPRAY/WIPE DOWN ANY SURFACE YOU TOUCH, INCLUDING THE BATHROOM DOOR AND THE BASEMENT DOOR BOTH INSIDE AND OUT. PARNETS, PLEASE ENSURE IF YOUR CHILD HAS TO GO THAT YOU GO WITH THEM TO ENSURE EVERYTHING IS WIPED DOWN PROPERLY. WE WILL BE WIPING THINGS DOWN THOROUGHLY EACH DAY. BUT, TO ENSURE EVERYONES SAFETY AT ALL TIMES, PLEASE DO YOUR PART AND ENSURE THAT DISINFECTING IS PART OF YOUR NEW ROUTINE WHILE YOU ARE AT THE BARN.
7. WE WILL RE-EVALUATE RESTRICTIONS AS THE GOVERNMENT EASES THEM, SO HOPEFULLY WE WILL BE ABLE TO USE THE BARN AND CROSSTIES BY THE TIME PHASE 2 OPENING IS IN PLACE. (POSSIBLY BY MID JUNE) ONCE THAT HAPPENS AND WE CAN GET READY IN THE BARN, I'D LIKE TO REMIND YOU TO LIMIT WHAT YOU TOUCH AND TO ENSURE THAT YOUR CROSS TIES AND OTHER EQUIPMENT USED, LIKE LEADS AND

HALTERS ARE SPRAYED DOWN WITH THE SANITIZER LOCATED ON THE BENCH IN THE BARN.

NOW, I KNOW THAT THIS IS A LOT TO TAKE IN, BUT UNFORTUNATELY THESE ARE THE CHANGES THAT COVID-19 HAS FORCED US TO MAKE. WE ARE REQUIRED AS A SPORT TO ADHERE TO THESE RULES SO THE GOVERNMENT DOESN'T DECIDE TO CANCEL EQUESTRIAN ACTIVITIES AGAIN. WE ARE STILL VERY MUCH RESTRICTED IN WHAT WE CAN DO, BUT AT LEAST IT IS A START. PLEASE KNOW THAT WE ARE WELL AWARE HOW MUCH OF A PAIN THIS IS. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT YOU PLEASE ADHERE AND FOLLOW THE RULES AND BE COURTEOUS AND FRIENDLY TO OUR STAFF WHILE THEY DO THEIR BEST TO ADJUST WITH THESE CHANGES AND ENFORCE THESE NEW RULES. IT IS HIGHLY STRESSFUL FOR ALL OF US, SO PLEASE REMEMBER THAT AS WE GET USED TO A NEW NORMAL. WE WILL POST UPDATES AS WE GET THEM AND WILL KEEP YOU ALL INFORMED OF ANY CHANGES AS THEY ARISE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION, LETS GET BACK TO HORSE-ING AROUND AND HAVING SOME FUN WITH OUR EQUINE PARTNERS.