



# **Equestrian COVID Guidelines**

**The Virginia Commonwealth Games Horse Show at Liberty University**

## **COVID-19 Guidelines**

**The following COVID-19 Guidelines must be adhered to when attending The Virginia Commonwealth Games Horse Show at the Liberty Mountain Equestrian Center (LMEC). Protocols and guidelines apply to any competitors on the show grounds Friday and Saturday. In addition, Federal, State, and local laws must be followed. Management may change the guidelines when and if it becomes necessary. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in expulsion from the Liberty Mountain Equestrian Center.**

**Visit [cdc.gov](https://cdc.gov) or [vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/](https://vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/) for more information.**

### **If you plan to attend the Commonwealth Games Horse Show:**

- **Anyone with a fever or symptoms of COVID-19 or known exposure to a COVID-19 case in the prior 14 days is not permitted at the horse show.**
- **You and all members of your household must not have tested positive or been presumed positive for COVID-19 within the past 14 days.**
- **You and all members of your household must not have been told by a healthcare provider to self-quarantine at any point in the last 14 days.**
- **You and all members of your household must have practiced social distancing and/or not been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-10 or has been presumed positive for the past 14 days.**
- **You and all members of your household must not be subject to a quarantine recommendation from a healthcare provider that would make it inadvisable to attend a public outing or competition.**

- You nor anyone in your household has, within the last 24 hours, presented any symptoms related to COVID-19, including but not limited to: a fever of 99.5 degrees Fahrenheit or greater, cough and/or shortness of breath.

#### **Liberty Mountain Equestrian Center Guidelines and Protocols:**

- Social distancing guidelines **MUST** be followed at all times. Social distancing calls for a distance of 6' or greater between individuals.
- Gathering in groups (unless families) is not permitted.
- Wash hands often by using soap and water for at least 30 seconds. If soap is not available, use hand sanitizer that is made up of at least 60% alcohol. Sanitizing stations will be readily available around the show grounds.
- Avoid touching eyes, mouth, and nose with unwashed hands.
- Facemasks or face coverings are **REQUIRED** for all people inside the showgrounds, except when mounted on a horse.
- LMEC will require temperature monitoring. Those whose temperature is over 99.5 degrees Fahrenheit will not be permitted on show grounds.
- Horse show attendees are responsible for cleaning up after themselves and their areas.
- Trainers are responsible for the conduct and adhering to LMEC guidelines. Trainers and barns are subject to expulsion from grounds if guidelines are not being followed.
- Shared equipment and surfaces will be cleaned and/or sanitized to the extent possible in between usage.
- Until further notice, the Virginia Commonwealth Games Horse Show is only open to Trainers, Riders, Grooms, Owner, Competition Staff and parents in attendance as a minor's guardian.
- **NO SPECTATORS** are allowed. Any non-essential personnel may be expelled from the show.
- All vehicles and horse trailers entering the show grounds will be subject to being stopped before entering.
- All personnel on grounds will be presented with COVID-19 guidelines and a release form that must be signed.
- No dogs allowed! Those in attendance with a dog will be subject to expulsion.

- Competitors will be allowed to enter the show grounds the day prior to competing no earlier than 3PM. Schooling will be available from 4PM-6PM. Please keep time on the competition grounds to a minimum. Please leave as promptly as possible.
- No admittance to any of the Liberty barns or interior rooms.
- Online entries and payment by credit card is strongly recommended and encouraged. Please check [horseshowsonline.com](http://horseshowsonline.com) to enter online.
- The secretary stand will have a list of COVID-19 protocols and procedures available to horse show attendees.
- Barns are required to designate ONE representative to handle the entire barns' interactions at the secretary stand. No more than one person is allowed at the secretary table at a time. Please follow social distancing markers in the case of a line at the secretary stand or announcer's table.
- Do not crowd the announcer's table or ingate.
- Ribbons will not be handed out at the end of each class. Awards and ribbons will be in a designated area for riders to collect.
- Concessions will be available on grounds during the horse show.
- Portable restrooms will be on site. Sanitization stations will be available outside of the restrooms.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and adherence to our COVID-19 protocols. The health and safety of our competitors and employees are of the utmost importance to us. We are looking forward to hosting the Virginia Commonwealth Games Horse Show. Stay safe and healthy, and please feel free to contact us with any questions.