

# Stone Ledge Farm COVID-19 Policies & Protocol

*As the situation develops, policies & protocols will be revised and/or lifted when appropriate.*

## **Staff Safety**

- Staff showing symptoms will not be permitted to work or enter the facility.
- Staff will practice proper social distancing between each other and clients with a requirement of using a mask when assisting the client to maintain safety.
- Staff will follow proper sanitizing best practices of hand washing and including the use of hand sanitizer.
- Facility will implement access restrictions to prevent clients from entering staff only areas.
- Daily sanitizing of common areas including restrooms, door handles, faucet handles, and any other commonly touched surfaces.

## **Access to the Facility**

- Clients must stay in their vehicle until the trainer, instructor or staff clears space for entry. This will limit "overlap" of clients in the facility at one time.
- Access will be restricted to anyone showing symptoms or signs of fever, and SLF reserves the right to deny access to anyone exhibiting symptoms or signs of fever.
- Limit one parent/guardian per rider allowed in the facility and he/she will remain in the designated viewing area and maintain social distancing therewithin. Spectating will be done only from the gates leading into the arena.
- The viewing room will remain off limits, and bathroom usage is to be kept to a minimum.
- Any client considered "at risk" due to age or existing medical condition is asked to schedule lessons at a time when no other clients are present at the facility. Guardians that are also considered "at risk" are asked to remain in the car during the session.
- Hand sanitizer will be available and used at the time of entrance and exit of the facility.
- SLF will not be accepting new students until July 1st, tentatively.

## **During the Session**

- All clients must always wear a mask except when riding or driving. All riders must wear gloves during the session.
- Client shall not assist with grooming, tacking or untacking of the horse. SLF staff will be handling getting horses ready and untacked for each session.
- All tack will be properly cleaned following each session. Saddles and reins touched by the client will be wiped down after use.
- Only instructors, clients or appropriate staff members are allowed in the arena or workspace during the session to maintain safety.
- Staff can help with mounting and dismounting, but all present must wear a mask.
- Students and instructors will maintain recommended social distancing during the session.
- "Hanging around" after the session is strongly discouraged. All clients must leave the facility after their session so that the next client may enter when cleared by staff.

*Protocols are fashioned after the Suggested Best Practices for Operating Barns in the COVID-19 Environment May 4, 2020 from the Joint Leadership Council, comprised of members from the American Hackney Horse Society, American Morgan Horse Association, American Road Horse & Pony Association, American Saddlebred Horse Association, American Saddlebred Registry and the United Professional Horsemen's Association.*