Good Hope Equestrian Training Center, Inc. – COVID-19 Protocol

Facility Access

- GHETC will continuously disinfect the facilities using ParvoClear and ultraviolet wands prior to and once anyone exits the area to include stable, tack room or restroom locations (i.e.: staff members, riders, boarders, veterinarian and any other equine professional).
- We prohibit nonessential persons (i.e.: friends, family members, etc.) from entering the barns and other parts of the facility. All parents/guardians must remain in their vehicles during the sessions.
- All riders/parents/guardians/volunteers will take a brief survey that asks them about their habits prior to and during the stay at home orders.
- All riders, volunteers and boarders must complete the COVID–19 Assumption of Risk Statement.
- Anyone experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 will not be allowed to access the facility as well as anyone who has come into contact with individuals with symptoms of COVID-19 (i.e.: cough, shortness of breath, or fever). The GHETC staff members will take the temperatures of its volunteers and riders prior to their session to rule out any potential COVID-19 symptoms.
- The number of personnel, volunteers and riders on the farm at any one time will be limited in order to ensure physical distancing. No more than 10 individuals during each hourly session will be allowed which will include riders, staff and volunteers.
- All individuals must stay 6 feet apart and must not congregate while at the GHETC facility.
- All individuals will wear a cloth face covering or mask while engaged with others (i.e.: riders, volunteers &/or staff) while on the premises.
- GHETC maintains hand sanitizer for all entering and leaving the premises in barn and clubhouse. In addition, we have two hand washing stations within the clubhouse. These areas are disinfected using ParvoClear solution to ensure that areas are disinfected from any potential germs and viruses.

Facility Biosecurity Measures

- All individuals must wash hands before entering and wear clean clothes as part of the farm’s general biosecurity plan.
- Individuals are only permitted to touch equipment and tools necessary for completing tasks of caring for and exercising their specific horse(s).
• All shared helmets, grooming supplies, tack, and other equipment between individuals will be cleaned and disinfected before and after use. We recommend that all riders purchase their own helmets, however communal helmets will remain available if riders are unable to purchase their own or forgot to bring their ASTM protective headgear.

• When handling shared facilities such as trash receptacle lids, hoses, etc., GHETC will use biosecurity practices such as disinfecting the areas after students, boarders, staff and volunteers utilize equipment to avoid transmission.

Cleaning and Disinfection Measures to Prevent COVID-19 Transmission

• The virus can remain viable on nonporous materials (leather bridles/saddles/halters, nylon halters/lead ropes, gate latches, door handles, spray nozzles) longer than porous materials (cotton lead ropes, saddle pads).

• To ensure riders safety, we will clean communal leather tack daily with ParvoClear solution or a diluted bleach spray followed by a tack cleaner and oil. The saddles and equipment will be left to dry in the sun and as a final step, they will be disinfected with the ultraviolet wands.

• ParvoClear spray will also be used to disinfect gate latches, stall door handles, light switches, feed scoops, hose ends, spray nozzles, cross tie snaps, pitchforks, wheelbarrows, and other frequently handled surfaces regularly or after contact with personnel.

• Although there is no evidence that horses can contract or become ill from COVID-19, practice good hygiene by washing your hands with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds or at least using a 60% alcohol based hand sanitizer before and after touching a horse, communal areas, or communal equipment to prevent environmental spread of the virus. Hand sanitizer alone is not as effective as soap and water, so only use when there is no soap and water available and hands are not visibly soiled.