



FLINTFIELDS HORSE PARK COVID-19 ACTION PLAN

Covid-19 Mitigation Protocols

v1 as of June 1, 2021

Traverse City Horse Shows (TCHS) is committed to running safe and controlled sport and lays out the following guidelines and best practices for operation at Flintfields Horse Park to protect against spreading Covid-19. The national governing body of equestrian sport, the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), has established a comprehensive set of guidelines which we have used as a basis for our protocols. These protocols are also in line with state, local, and federal regulations as well as guidelines from the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

The full USEF protocols may be reviewed here: <https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/XhKGVYiivTA/usef-covid-19-action-plan-for-operating>

COVID-19 Protocols and Response Plan

Access to the Venue

- All persons entering competition grounds are required to self-monitor their temperature once daily prior to entering the competition grounds. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4° F (38° C) or higher may not enter the facility.
- The following individuals are not allowed to enter the competition grounds:
 - Anyone who exhibits [COVID-19 symptoms](#), including a temperature of 100.4° F (38° C) or higher,
 - Anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within last 10 days,
 - Anyone who has tested positive outside of the past 10 days, but is still symptomatic, or
 - Anyone who has been [exposed](#) to or has been in [close contact](#) with someone who has COVID-19 symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19 within either the last 7 or 10 days (*Exception: Healthcare personnel who have treated patients using appropriate medical-grade PPE during the course of performing professional duties and those individuals who are [fully vaccinated](#) are exempted from this quarantine restriction.*)
- These individuals are encouraged to contact their health care provider immediately for further medical advice and must obtain documented clearance from their health care provider before entering the competition grounds. Participants must assume responsibility for themselves and their own staff (e.g. grooms, assistants, etc.).
- Participants acknowledge that the inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. By attending this equestrian competition, participants voluntarily assume all risks related to COVID-19 exposure and agree not to hold the competition, its organizers, or any of its directors, officers, staff, agents, contractors, or volunteers liable for any illness or injury.
- I understand I can be removed from competition grounds for non-compliance of spectator protocols
- All participants must sign a USEF waiver in the show office.

Face Coverings/Masks

- Anyone who is fully vaccinated against Covid-19 is no longer required to wear a facial covering or exercise social distancing when on the competition grounds except when entering the Horse Show Office. (See definition of Fully Vaccinated in the Definitions section on page 3).
- Masks will be required when inside the Horse Show Office.
- Anyone who is not fully vaccinated must exercise personal responsibility and wear a facial covering/mask and continue to practice social distancing and frequent hand washing.



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Spectators: Spectators are not permitted at this time.

Social Distancing: Enforce social distancing requirements throughout the competition grounds at all times in accordance with state, local or Competition Organizer requirements.

Enforcement Authority

USEF Stewards and Technical Delegates will inform individuals when they are not in compliance with the regulations and requirements in effect at the competition and shall report such situations to the Competition Organizer. The Competition Organizer has the authority under GR 702.1 and GR914 to remove from the facility any person who does not comply with the regulations and requirements in effect at the competition. Stewards/Technical Delegates must report the removal of any person from competition grounds for non-compliance with regulations and requirements in effect at the competition in their USEF Steward/Technical Delegate Report.

Any individual on competition grounds who tests positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of the conclusion of the competition, is required to report such result to the Competition Organizer.

Competition Organizers will direct the reporting individual to contact the local public health authorities (and provide the contact information) for the purposes of having the local public health authorities perform contact tracing.

Hospitality, F&B, Bars: All food vendors, hospitality areas and bars will need to follow state and local regulations and guidelines. Grand Traverse Resort & Spa is our catering and concessions partner and will be up to date on local health department guidelines.

Merchandise/Vendors: Vendors must comply with local retail requirements.

Positive Test Protocol and Outbreak Response Plan

- Participants and staff must report if they test positive for Covid-19 within 14 days of the conclusion of the competition.
- TCHS will notify USEF and the local public health authorities of Covid-19 cases within 14 days of the conclusion of competition so that public health authorities may perform contact tracing.
- If there has been an infected person onsite, TCHS will temporarily shut down the appropriate areas or full venue if necessary to deep clean and disinfect (the duration of closure will align with CDC recommendations and in compliance with local health officials). TCHS will work with local health officials to establish a site-specific response plan for confirmed cases and to make decisions regarding competition delays, suspensions and facility closures.
- Any competition delays, suspensions or cancellations will be communicated promptly to participants and the local community.
- If a participant or staff member has tested positive for Covid-19, they may not return to the venue for 10 days or until they are no longer symptomatic if they experience symptoms for more than 10 days.
- Immediately isolate and seek medical care for any individual who develops symptoms. Staff and participants with symptoms (based on self-assessment, screening etc.) will be sent home.



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Definitions:

Close Contact – For purposes of this document, close contact as [defined by the CDC](#) is someone who was within six (6) feet of an infected person unmasked for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period* beginning two (2) days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, two (2) days prior to test specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated. It is important to note that close contact has occurred regardless of whether one, or both individuals is wearing a mask. (Refer to [CDC FAQ](#)). **Individual exposures added together over a 24-hour period (e.g., three 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes).*

Any person who is not fully vaccinated and who has been in close contact with an individual who is confirmed or suspected to be COVID-19-positive should quarantine in accordance with [CDC Guidelines](#).

Exposure – For purposes of this document, exposure is considered as having occurred when a person not fully vaccinated comes into [close contact](#) with a COVID-19-infected individual (exhibiting symptoms or confirmed by a positive test result) within a distance of six feet for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more and is unmasked and results in the need to quarantine unless the exposed individual is fully vaccinated (but those individuals must still monitor for symptoms for 14 days post-exposure). While the ideal quarantine time is still considered to be 14 days, it is recognized that a shorter quarantine period may balance significant societal burdens against the progressive smaller possibility of spreading the virus over time after exposure accordingly. An individual may discontinue quarantine:

- After Day 10 following close contact (exposure) without testing if no COVID-19 symptoms are present, or;
- After Day 7 if no COVID-19 symptoms are present and after receiving a negative COVID-19 test result (testing must occur on Day 5 or later after exposure). After discontinuing quarantine, all individuals should:
- Monitor for symptoms for 14 days after exposure
- Immediately self-isolate if symptoms develop and contact a personal healthcare provider or public health authority
- Wear a face mask/face covering, maintain social distancing of at least six feet from others, and wash hands frequently

Fully Vaccinated – An individual is considered to be [fully vaccinated](#) two weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer, Moderna, etc.), or two weeks after a single-dose vaccine (Johnson & Johnson).

Symptoms – Symptoms of COVID-19 include, but are not limited to, subjective or measured fever, cough, and shortness of breath and/or difficulty breathing or newly developed loss of smell or taste. Additional symptoms may include sore throat, muscle pain, headache or chills/shaking.