



## **WESTERN NEW YORK DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION**

### **2020 COVID PROTOCOLS FOR HORSE-RELATED EVENTS**

**In these unprecedented times, we are committed to the safety of all Instructors, Participants, Auditors, Volunteers, Students, and Riders in educational events and all Judges, Volunteers, Spectators, and Riders in competitive events. To this end, we are not allowing unnecessary personnel to be present at any Western New York Dressage Association (WNYDA) sponsored event in 2020. Each rider will be allowed only one assistant or parent in the barn area to be present to help them prepare their horse for their ride. Concerning shows, people present on the grounds may be allowed outside in open areas in the company of other members of their household, however, they must maintain a minimum of 6 ft between each person or group and must wear masks during any movement from one area to another area. THIS WILL BE ENFORCED.**

**If anyone has been exposed to a COVID positive or suspected COVID positive individual within 14 days of the start of the event, they will not be allowed to participate in any WNYDA sponsored or endorsed Program or Show.**

**Anyone that has had a fever greater than 100.5 within 14 days of the start of the Program, will not be allowed to participate unless they have proof of a negative COVID test within 14 days of the event.**

**All participants will need to practice social distancing in all seated activities and try to practice social distancing at all other times when possible.**

**All organizers, participants, volunteers, assistants and riders will be required to wear a mask or bandana covering their nose and mouth at all times when in the barn or other enclosed space during horse shows. All organizers, volunteers, and participants in educational events may be required to wear a mask or bandana covering both their nose and their mouth throughout each individual event and must wear a mask when moving between activities. When outdoors, masks must be worn during all movement**

**and when social distancing is not possible. The only exception will be that when riders are mounted on horses, they will not be required to wear masks provided that they stay distanced from other people or riders. All participants must bring their own mask or bandana to each venue. Extra masks may also be provided by management.**

**Participants are required to use hand sanitizers upon entering all barn areas and classroom activities and are encouraged to use hand sanitizers frequently throughout the day. All participants must bring personal hand sanitizers. Extra sanitizers and gloves may also be provided by management.**

**All participants in classroom activities and educational programs may be required to take a temporal temperature upon admittance to each day of a program. Any temperature above 100.5F will not be allowed admittance to the Program.**

**All food and drink will need to be individually packaged and not shared among participants.**

**Restrooms will be limited to two participants at a time. Participants will be asked to use the utmost care in personal hygiene when using common facilities.**

**All participants in educational events will be required to sign an affidavit at the start of each session as to their compliance with the above conditions.**

**The management panel reserves the right to remove any participant that is displaying COVID symptoms (example: excessive coughing) or is not in compliance with the above mandates.**

**All management panel decisions are final and are not subject to discussion.**

**WNYDA understands that some people may not be comfortable participating under the above conditions and we ask that you do not participate in any WNYDA activity until we feel that the above restrictions may be discontinued.**

**Thank you for your patience and understanding in this situation.**

**Sincere regards,**

**Dr. Deborah Kondoff, President of the Western New York Dressage Association**