

Please give us any other information you think we should consider in creating a best practices document.

Thanks for this opportunity. Not only are my husband and I at high risk of becoming extremely ill if we contract Covid-19 but so are several of our family members. We aren't willing to risk their and our health in order to take our horses to a driving activity.

Carriage driving is a hobby. We need to keep everyone safe and stay home for the rest of this year. Hopefully we can return to our sport next year.

I am 72 and have asthma. I will have to be very careful.

I feel it is very important to get our events back up and running because the positive effects far outweigh the few negative that might happen.

Until all areas of both countries are aligned with each other in terms of risk-mitigating processes, I wouldn't feel comfortable participating or officiating as there's no way to know if a fellow competitor or official (or crew) are higher risk than another from a different area.

I do not have a driving pony at the moment. I go to the local events and volunteer at the obstacles, help set courses, and assist a friend of mine with her pony. I think the epidemic was not as serious as represented and it is over. Need to get back to what passes for normal in my world. If I have to wear a mask I will not attend...

Currently, I'm using my brain and taking reasonable precautions. As far as showing and public gatherings, it really would depend on the group of people. Where I live, people flocked to the beach and ignored all the restrictions and the beaches closed immediately. I've noticed at a lot of ranches in my area, some folks follow protocol and respect the ranch's rules while most ignore it completely. I suspect shows may be like this until this all gets hammered out. I hope this made sense.

Emphasize singles.

Yes I am over 60, but being a ranch girl I consider myself to be extremely healthy and lucky to be living in the country. If we fly anywhere or across state lines all of us should do a two-week self quarantine so that makes it hard to travel as a guest or visitor to events.

I would love to see some clinics online. If the clinicians / trainers could charge a nominal fee, perhaps \$25 that would be even more perfect because I have no money coming in since January of this year. I have a horse and carriage wedding type business and I had several cancellations already and no inquiries for the rest of the season and none for next year either so far.

I have not decided whether I will show this season are not a lot of that is because of finances, and also whether there will be any shows within 50 to 100 miles that I would want to do. Frankly I would much rather have groups of people get together for some recreational Drive and that would save us money and still give us some social interaction and keep in touch with our horses.

Focus and funds may need to be shifted from the support of National level programs and funneled towards strengthening regional/state efforts instead. A temporary change to earning points may be advisable to help curb ill advised behavior.

Horses are an outdoor activity, so the risk is reduced considerably. If we just limit contact, we should be pretty safe.

Hotels and air travel are N/A. Have LQ trailer. Drive mini or small ponies. Eliminate social gatherings and I am good to go in late summer or fall. Electronics for schedules, times, results excellent! Do awards in the dressage arena with a loud speaker so plenty of space and put awards out on a table for participant to pick up.

I am so anxious to get back to the CDE's.

I am 68 and diabetic. I am not at all fearful of attending any events. I feel the numbers are incredibly low. I always get sick after flying so I wouldn't fly, but I have to drive anyway to haul my horse. I'm ready to go.

I feel that our driving events can be modified to allow us to compete and still be safe. scores can be emailed or texted to competitors, briefings if needed can be done in small groups or with loudspeakers so people can keep a distance from those not in their "group". Social events will need to be modified. I feel that scribes can be a 6 ft distance from judge, they can use use headsets like for lessons, hazard judges can be spaced apart, and same with cones setters. I think it is doable if judges and organizers are willing.

I feel that the limited opportunities for competition preparation and training make a limited, and likely packed, late summer season schedule less than ideal, and likely to result in greater risk to our horses. As a result, I may attend an event, but more for fun.

I think being able to go just practice at a facility could be managed, as most of us are self-contained and could keep the appropriate distance from each other and those that work at the facility.

Los Angeles is running hot for the virus but equestrian activities seem to be a bit easier to keep social distance.

I want to support the local 1 day HDT's and the close CDE's in our local area, because these venues rely on our support (\$\$) for their lively-hoods.

I will limit my showing to those events close to my location (3 hours max) and will camp using an RV. Others I know will use their live aboard horse trailers.

Social distancing can be supported with some thought and cooperation between competitors, volunteers, etc.

I am concerned with distance keeping between judge and scribe. Perhaps the scribe can sit facing the judge 3ft back and 3ft to the side.

Sad but necessary. Focusing on organizing and training at home this year.

So far I have really enjoyed having no spring shows. I love training and working my horses without the pressure of getting ready for a show. Win win here.

The Outdoor Sports Facility Social Distancing Protocol developed for golf course can also be applied to carriage driving, and we are running our training center within those parameters." Until we have a proven vaccine available (2021 if we're lucky!), as a person at high risk I need to be able to participate wearing a mask and knowing others will either stay 6' away or wear a mask as well. I very much want to see my green mare at a show, but it's not worth risking my or anyone else's life for. (As someone who loves dressage scribing, how are we going to work with the tiny judges areas which aren't 6' long to begin with?) We need to move forward and get the economy going

As an organizer I think I can see how to function for most of the event. However if there is an emergency situation it would be hard to manage.

I think there are some rules that will need to be modified to allow for distancing- example signing the green card.

I am prone to Pneumonia but feel that we can still have events, just every person do what you feel necessary to feel safe. I deal with this every flu season.

I think we should follow all local, state and federally mandated requirements but the ability to compete and hows shows is very possible for our sport considering the limited number of people who compete to begin with

Masks required for all! Assume everyone has Covid 19, since people can shed the virus without symptoms, and reduce the spread with masks. Since the virus can hang in the air for 3 hours, competing in a ring class where we would be driving directly into the space of the driver ahead, may increase exposure. Covid is so virulent that the potential for spread is real and possible in far more situations than previously understood.

Different states that have been impacted in different ways will have different returns to "normal" . One -size-fits-all approaches to events may be unnecessary and exclusionary. This is an important step though, kudos to the ADS for gathering this input from the membership. I am finding opportunities for virtual/on-line showing. I think the risks for outdoor one-day events can be kept low but as high risk myself (as 56% of all US adults are - I am an epidemiologist and have done the study) I can wait until 2021 to show.

I would prefer to camp on site and not go to a hotel. I feel carriage drivers are a conscientious group and would follow the rules and practice safety measures.

Most Important: 1) mandatory face masks for everyone, all the time. 2).all administrative matters conducted electronically. 3) everything in one day. Drive in/drive out. 4)new rules based on new realities. Don't try for a half assed replication of the old ways.

Most of the members in our club are over the age of 60 which puts them in the high risk category. I think postponing any events for the year due to the health along with the limited funds available to spend on showing would be in the best interests of exhibitors and organizers.

The only thing I might add is to check temperatures of competitors like we sometimes do with the horses so we can know that most people are not actively fighting an infection. I am inclined to not believe the you can be contagious for an undetermined length of time fear mongering.

My plan is to wait and see what the atmosphere of fear/frustration is by mid-summer. I suspect some will be overly cautious and not come, but others (I count myself amongst this group) will be chomping at the bit to kick over the traces and head out for a fun event.

The safest way to begin events is with great caution and small scale. Participants ought to be allowed to work off their trailers at a safe remove from each other.

Hazardous exposure will occur in stabling, show offices, meetings, with the greatest risk being taken on by volunteers.

Since many drivers are at risk, forcing them to choose between what they love and risk to their health does not do our highly trained horses a with of good

I am only a prelim. pony driver and do not worry about competitions to win just to have fun and hopefully improve me and my ponies abilities - we are far from FEI status and never plan on this

I think "local" shows are the most acceptable without participants traveling in from other parts of the state or from out of state. Also stabling at the shows should allow for non- adjacent stalls for social distancing.

I wish I had ideas to share. I do not. I have been quarantined from the very beginning as I am handicapped and immuno-compromised. I am lucky enough to still be able to drive occasionally so I am thankful for that opportunity but I am heartbroken that all the shows I was finally able to attend have been cancelled. The meager income I had that supported me showing has all dried up so my financial situation will not allow showing for quite some time I am afraid. Sad but it's a fact of life as we know it now. I wish for you all the wisdom in the world as you try to figure out new protocols and operating procedures for shows and gatherings. Good luck to you. Making sure all participants to a show gets all info on what they can or cannot do with these new mandates in place. For they may be different in each state. So everyone is on the same page when they make it to a show.

Please don't stop events. Ok to practice social distancing and wearing masks.

Prefer to wait until fall to see how active covid 19 is by end of summer ... do not plan on returning to any shows either horse or dog until I feel comfortable doing it without the need of face masks etc.

Simple social distancing should work at Combined Driving competitions for competitors.

Officials will have problems working the events and the show secretary needs to be organized and have materials on line or emailed in advance

The health and safety of competitors should be the prime consideration. Many drivers are in the high risk group.

There is no way that 300 million people will get a vaccine any time soon, there is also no way 300 million people can get tested, and retested on a regular basis until such time as a vaccine is available, so I think many of us will need to get herd immunity in any event, and this will probably take some time as well. Lets not be afraid to live and lets not be afraid to fight. My husband probably had it after a plane trip and he had all the symptoms and was really sick. I was Asymptomatic. We are 60 years old. On the flip side, in order to keep our older members safe, I am not opposed to other measures for safe distancing, masks, etc...whatever others feel best so long as we can all support each other and our varying degree of needs. Thanks for working on this ADS. Stay well my friends.

Think common sense approach will keep us safe. When we compete we social distance due to the nature of our sport (other than our team) so mail the dressage scores, no hugs or handshakes and lets go!

We think a show should not mandate anything from the competitors. If a competitor wants to compete they can practice any/all precautions they deem necessary to maintain their own health. Our sport is suited for dealing with a virus if all correspondence is electronic. We are self contained in our camper and our trailer is set up for grooming and harnessing. All our work can be done away from barn and away from competitors. If the virus is on its way out and if

competitors can minimize exposure to this degree, I think the competitors could compete safely. We are not interested in competing if the virus is on the rise.

When travel is allowed, will volunteer at events

I'm sorry. I don't know what to say. I am willing to chip in \$ to subsidize an event that won't take place this year so it can occur next year, or participate in a virtual clinic or dressage test. I had a lot of plans for 2020: EI clinic, CDEs with the young fella I spent 2019 getting to know, but I don't want to be an inadvertent, pre-symptomatic carrier.

I would attend and follow rules as required. I would volunteer and help organize. I don't currently compete my horse but do recreational driving and crew for friends at competitions and help plan and execute. I think the danger is overrated in spite of age over 60. I think individuals should make their own decisions about attending or not but fail to see why the rest of the world should stop. The current statistics do not bear out the catastrophic predictions at all and the sooner we get back up and running the better. "

Allow shorter entry times; less than 30 days (CDE's for example) May help competitors decide to compete

I only go to very specialized shows that you haven't heard of. 3 last year. This year will go to the Labor Day one.

I think that there's no reason to not hold outdoor events. There have been encouraging studies that show the virus does not do well in sunlight and humidity and is less effective in people who have a high level of natural vitamin D (you get from sunlight).

Different people have different levels of comfort. Mandates are a challenge. But all need to be considerate of others thoughts. Most driving events are outside and risk levels are significantly reduced. "

Part of the appeal of showing is seeing friends and some social aspect.

Covid is not a factor in my decision to compete. The obstacles are the man-made stuff being forced on us to comply.

I am an optimist and rely on common sense to direct me. I stay away from large crowds and try to social distance

"I so appreciate your efforts. As of now, we are planning on having it and our July pleasure show, unless the parks & rec close the park. I think Rough camping is probably safer than a hotel.

Please don't rush getting back to 'normal' activities. There are still too many variables that need to be figured out to stay safe. There's no way a horse show setting can really keep the distance factor.

A lot of the questions should have an "unsure" option. There is so much not known about this virus yet. I don't feel safe anywhere right now. However, once there is a vaccine, I do believe our sport will come back.

I believe as you do that driving is an inherently social activity. Might be too soon for a show. If events are to be held, and widespread testing is finally available, perhaps we should consider a recent negative Covid-19 test a requirement for participants? Failing that, routine temperature testing upon arrival at the show ground should be considered.

Give competitors credit for having common sense! We understand adjustments must be made but let us not ruin everything we have spent years building up.

Hand sanitizer made available in many areas

Have schedule for departures of trail drives/rides to give plenty of distance between carriages/riders. Also plenty of distance between parking spaces.

I am elderly, don't compete any more, or show. However, I do give free carriage rides in the fields and woods to elderly or disabled folk who used to drive, or just plain like space and horse and love to get outdoors

2020 was to be my year to learn through spectating and volunteering. My answers reflect this goal but may seem as if I'm a participant who doesn't want to show this year

A participant could be asked to leave the event if they ignored the precautions set by the ADS or show committee for the well being of all

Follow CDC guidance.

If and when a vaccine becomes available, there should be no limitations on showing. I am the organizer for a show and we postponed from May 9, 2020 to Oct. 24, 2020. We are a small, unaffiliated one day show and are hoping that people will be able to come join us in the fall. We haven't imposed any restrictions as yet about Covid-19 and hope that none will be necessary.

Too early to project how pandemic will play out.

Likely that different parts of country will have different challenges and rational strategies will vary.

Outside local events with little crowding and minimal need for volunteers most rational way to get started.

Having people travel long distances is not advisable for all of 2020.

Would be good if attendees test negative prior within 5 days arrival at event. Prizes and score sheets mailed out.

One day events/shows are the best idea for the rest of the year due to the logistical problems advice for organizers about how to enforce Covid restrictions.

As a newbie to the carriage driving community 2019 was my first year to attend low level events or clinics as a participant. I attended 4 fairly local events. I was looking forward to 2020 to expand my level of learning and competition, but, with the current events, I am reluctant on two levels. First, I board my horse out, so I have not seen her for over 2 months, let alone drive, practice, condition etc. Second, I check off all the boxes for at risk, over 65, asthma, and metastatic breast cancer. Showing this year is iffy for me. Just taking it one day at a time.

As a Professional with Professional Stable, we make most of our money taking clients to horse shows!! Cannot take a risk being responsible for taking clients to an event at least during 2020 even with huge income loss.

I don't really see how you can enforce social distancing at any driving or horse show event this year especially the state's that have been hit hard, It will take long time to plan such events with everyone's health in mind

I list as a non-competitor at present, but do volunteer at various shows in the region, performing whatever task is needed (obstacle observer, cones judge, safety check, whatever else is needed). Was also considering trying to organize a low level show or two (ADT) for this summer, prior to the COVID-19 outbreak.

"I live on an island (Martha's Vineyard) where, in order to compete, I have to make ferry reservations very early in the season to get my truck and trailer off and back onto the island. In January, I made those reservations for my show season (six horse shows, most of them Morgan shows, with pleasure driving divisions). By the third week in February, I could see that I would not be safely going to any horse shows this year, and cancelled all my reservations.

I can check off 4 at-risk boxes, and my health and life is far more important than competing. Having said that, I am very disappointed to miss the show season. I was finally able to return to showing, after taking a decade off to care for my elderly parents. Returning to competitive pleasure driving was my biggest goal during those years, and I am so glad to have had last summer. It was great to see all my old friends, and make new ones, too. I was hoping to work towards another championship this year.

Everyone will do what they will, and I wish anyone competing the best of health and the best of luck. But you won't be seeing me until AT LEAST 2021, and possibly not for a few years.

I think adequate spacing of trailers at the events will need to be closely regulated. About 20 to 30 feet apart.

Stabling for horses at overnight show will need to be staggered to encourage social distancing. For the Show Secretary Pre entries only and scoring mostly done electronically.

I would love to think showing would be safe in 2020 but in all reality I feel it would be premature for us to rush into it because we want to and love it. I think safety is more important.

If my state opens for groups over 50 people in the fall of 2020, I would be open to attending, but at this point I am assuming that it won't until at least 2021.

Temporary stabling, by nature puts everyone incredibly close. I have no suggestions other than putting empty "social distancing" stalls between entries. The cost I am sure would factor into it for the vendors. Increasing stall fees would be detrimental to competitors as in our area they are already high especially showing a pair or multiple.

Would be nice to have video dressage tests. We can drive at home, have someone video and send to a judge for comments and maybe competition. I do not think I will feel comfortable close to people until there is either a vaccine or the virus cases really is reduced.

Following local precautions I feel should be sufficient since the people who are writing the rules should be very knowledgeable of the safest way to live in the world until a vaccine is developed.

I will not show until a vaccine. I am 72

Would feel most comfortable with one day events. We really appreciate your efforts

Speaking as a former competitor, now acting as a volunteer, I believe it will be very difficult to get volunteers for events. Many are of the "danger" age, and will be very careful in participating. Single day outdoor events may be best to start with and not need as many volunteers. Just my two cents.

Due to changing and conflicting info regarding best practices during this pandemic, it's hard to say what best practices are, other than keeping a safe distance from other people, as more time passes, hopefully, we will know more within the next couple of months.

I would think it would be easy enough to do digital entries and even payments to minimize contact with organizers etc.

IN CDEs how would green cards be handled?

I love the social part of the CDEs for Sure, however would still attend if there were no social events. People would probably still gather and should be recommended in small groups and practice social distancing. I think social distancing would be not difficult to achieve when going over the course or even in cones perhaps if there were set times for cones to be walked though to limit number of people walking course. One could do it by first letters of last name or entry numbers ____ ____ are to review course at these times. We would adjust. I think these guidelines need to be clear at sign up so everyone agrees to and knows how it will work and prepare for something different. Those that do not are simply asked to leave and forfeit entry fees.

I'm 67. I refuse to live in fear. All those 'precautions ' like masks, 6 feet, etc are unnecessary at a horse show. I will not wear a mask while driving! If someone feels as though they want space, then let them keep their distance from me. Let's get going folks!

We didn't answer Question 9 because we don't see the need for any of these restrictions. We strongly recommend that we continue to have our events as we always have. If there are people attending that are uncomfortable then they can restrict their actions, the rest of us should not be held hostage for a few peoples uneducated fears. Sorry, but I am an environmental engineer with 45 years of experience and I have a real problem with how the response to this virus has been handled. If the ADS severely limits event activities or cancels this years events, we will likely terminate our participation in this organization and the sport.

It is hard to answer I just moved to MT and Have not found how to find events or people to show with. with the way the sickness is we can't

I believe that most Drivers are capable of using common sense, and are capable of decreasing behaviors that contribute to the spread of this virus. Drivers who have compromised immune systems need to behave accordingly.

I really believe horse activities held outdoors can be safe. I would like to be able to camp and am fine with no social activities such as group dinners, etc., receptions.

Thank you for doing the survey. I feel badly that I don't feel that I can be definitive in some my answers.

We think CDEs are possible with precautions. If meals, meetings, award gatherings, and crowding around the results board are avoidable, most people are not inclined to bunch together. Everyone is too busy with their turnouts. Let's drive!

If horses practice social distancing then humans can.

Registration should be online and results are online; however, many venues have no cell phone or wireless internet service.

Food is not served; competitors bring their own food.

Ribbons and other awards and judges' sheets are distributed by mail.

Shared common places will put people at risks (bathrooms, checkins, stabling, etc).

Unfortunately, given the age of most drivers, I think it best to wait until there is a vaccine.

Would be willing maybe prefer to do clinics indoors and outdoors with appropriate social distancing and protective precautions (time space between participants, etc).

Haven't totally decided if I will compete in 2020 if there are shows scheduled. Would rather be safe than sorry. Thanks for this survey. It is good to know our leadership is thinking about how we can safely resume our wonderful sport!!"

Really want to show

As an organizer with health issues I would prefer not to be involved until 2021 mostly because of my cancer issue. If and when this is resolved I will be better able to decide how my life will progress. Wishing all the best in this time of concern for all our health and involvement with our Sport.

Having hand sanitizer readily available throughout show

I am one if few that think we are over protective for this virus. I am over 60. I still shop. I only wear a mask because it's the law.

I did lose my only source of extra income, that supported my show habit. So I do not have funds to join ADS. I will be doing local shows only.

I never did stay in hotels, but I would be leery of that.

I would not be shaking hands or hugging. I might volunteer.

I said no parties.. only cause I usually don't do those anyway. Shoestring budget, even before I lost my job.

I do have concerns about a possible second wave of infection in the fall. I Would really feel better about making decisions when more is known about the virus such as does having the antibodies indicate immunity to reinfection. I'm not getting any younger so I do want to "play" but not if it puts me or others at risk.

I don't feel that it is a show manager's place to make mandates regarding individual's social and hygienic behavior at a competition for many reasons, but specifically because there is no way to enforce these mandates. I feel that it is the individual's responsibility to protect himself in a way that makes himself feel safe, but do not believe these guidelines should be mandated by the competition. Instead, the competition should make efforts to create an environment where those who are concerned for their health can still find a safe avenue for participation. ie: online briefings, more electronic communication from show office. I would not attend a competition where the above mandates (additional to state/local mandates) are required.

Organizers must have the authority to disqualify anyone who is not adhering to published rules and guidelines.

Shows need to put forth with the prize list what protocols will be in place in order for potential entries to consider attending.

Shows should have to provide a detailed plan in the prize list as to how or what rule will be in place to minimize risk

Think about everything we touch at an event: water spigots and hoses, porta John, gate and door latches, volunteers handle cones, measuring sticks, clipboards, walkie talkies.

As an official, I think our first priority should be the safety of horses, competitors and spectators. Taking the appropriate steps to limit risk of contact with regards to horse shows is challenging to say the least. With respect to wearing masks, I would say everyone should be wearing one when not "in a class". They do impair breathing and can be quite hot, and if you wear glasses, well, they fog up making it difficult to see. The social distancing can be accomplished but the navigator/groom can present a challenge - and we can't go without them. People are going to have to be very flexible in order to make this work. I have always felt conflicted when it comes to alcohol at shows. While most people are responsible, there are always the few who drink too much and make a spectacle. That applies pre/post Covid. In these times, a temporary ban on alcohol might be indicated, but making it permanent will, in my opinion cause a lot of push back. Perhaps as an organization we need to have a closer look at STRONG sanctions on public drunkenness at horse shows moving forward. I congratulate the ADS for dealing with this complex and unprecedented situation.

I don't drive competitively anymore but am an evaluator for the CAA proficiency program and look forward to continuing that. I tested positive for the virus, positive for antibodies but never was sick?

ADS should support all recommendations made by USEF for Covid-related best practices.

"Competition is not my first love. I really use it to promote driving at local events, more enjoy casual drives with friends at their homes or mine or at Wethersfield.

My unwillingness to fly is due to my love of nature and commitment to environment."

I feel everyone will follow the social distance rules and make competing safe.

"I feel that all events should be canceled for 2020
Lives are more important than events."

I have respiratory issues so I am already very cognizant of what the reality is for me. Sports and hobbies do not trump my health.

I think rough camping is safer/as safe as motel stays

"I think that if course walks were more restricted courses would need to be designed to be more simple have more logical flow (more like a jumping course) and/or shorter to accommodate shortened course walks.

I don't attend many shows, but don't plan on doing much if any showing until the end of summer/fall 2020.

I would be interested in clinics where auditors could be spaced out, especially if the clinician had a mic and there was a speaker system so that being further apart wasn't detrimental to learning.

One thing the survey didn't address for #9 was porta-potty sanitation.

I would think that for #9 ""refrain from gathering in stabling area"" could be difficult. Tent stabling that runs crosswise is much more confining than tents that the stalls are on an outside row more like shedrow, and would give people more personal space. "

I think we just need to follow our state guidelines. We are in NY and in the epicenter - still hoping to show in September.

I think with carriage drive we will be able to keep all the state mandates required.

I would feel more comfortable at shows that were limited to in-state attendees or perhaps attendees within a restricted radius of the showgrounds. I would be much less likely to attend a pleasure show or show with ring classes vs an HDT/CDE type of event.

"I would suggest a limit amount of people with each whip to 3. (Driver/Trainer/Family Member or Friend) Eliminate large tents to discourage gathering of people. One stall between each exhibitor.

Masks should be worn inside the barn or when social distancing is difficult, but outdoors, when driving, I think they would be unnecessary. HDTs, ADTs, and CDEs lend themselves to social distancing, pleasure shows less so, but it could be managed. Hotel rooms might be a problem

at least until we see how the pandemic evolves, and it also might depend on the local environment in which the event is held.

My husband and I were symptomatic. We had a direct chain of contact with a positive person. We didn't get tested because we are not in high risk demographics. We are, however, on a short list for antibodies testing. While I am confident in my ability to enjoy a competition, I see so much fear in so many. We are farmers and have seen a small impact on our business. However, I see a devastating impact on equine professionals especially if there is no outside income. While there is the monetary consideration, there is also perception. Carriage sports are often seen by non-horsey people as an elitist pursuit. If we push the envelope as far as events when other disciplines are cancelling, do we further feed the notion of snobbery?

My usual type A, ribbon chaser personality is resigned to having little or no competition season in 2020. I'm sad but will be doing my best to keep my pony (and myself) in shape this year.

It's just not important to me at this point. I've had two relatives test positive.

Nothing to add really, but I miss the camaraderie of the shows, and my friends. Was hoping to get my young horse out this year. Just missing everything about carriage shows.

Signing some type of waiver of understanding about the COVID-19 risk.

Single lg pony, HDT only, husband with RA, so must keep him safe, but he's the trailer driver, navigator and partner, so no travel without him. If people would stay apart, we could have shows, etc. Outdoor clinics would seem reasonable, but I'm no epidemiologist. I have no answers, folks just have to gauge their risk factors and take their chances. Too many unknowns how virus will behave over coming months. Thank you for asking.

Social distancing - even into the late summer and especially when the weather turns cooler in the fall

Thank you for all you are doing. I know many folks make their living training and showing and Desperately could use thing to open back up like normal. Unfortunately the reality is until there is a vaccination or suitable treatment this disease isn't going away any time soon. I've made the decision to not show or participate in any local club events this calendar year. The risk isn't worth it.

"The health and safety of all involved with every show needs to be thought of, first and fore most.

Economics. Carriage driving can be expensive. With many out of work, will there be the extra money for shows. Social distancing, can this truly and realistically be safely achieved in a show environment? When discussing the state where a show will be held, you must consider the

surrounding states Corona virus status. This touches on travel status and possible crossing state borders. This could effect competitor numbers. "

I think shows should look for later dates and still try to have them.

Humans should carry a Negative Covid test result within the previous 10 days to 2 weeks, like horses have Coggins, Or have proof of antibody titer when they go to events. Especially if they come from a Corona affected area.

I am a healthcare provider. I work with Covid19 patients every day. I feel comfortable with 6 ft distance and mask protocol's.

I would like to know if additional insurance could/should be provided for organizers to cover covid risk.

I'd rather be safe than sorry. I'd like to show this fall but if Covid is still widespread I will stay home

It would seem that local events, one day events and limited social aspects would be the place to start. We need to start slowly and do careful evaluations. This will pass, it will change us, but it will pass.

Many outdoor shows can maintain 6' separation at ringside without eliminating all spectators.

The main reason I would not participate is the issue of restrooms. You'd come in very close contact with complete strangers. Would the facilities be cleaned after each person used? People aren't social distancing now in stores and at concession stands, I doubt it would change. I'm not willing to risk my health with out a vaccination we should avoid gathering for any events, not just these events

Dont rush

Hand sanitizer available throughout show grounds. Not necessarily on marathon course. Consider alternative ways to stable equines. Current model not feasible and does not allow for social distancing. No common hose use. If masks are required, I am thinking it is then too soon to hold an event.

I think it would be better to not shilly-shally and just cancel 2020 and move on to 2021. We do not know what will happen when kids go back to school in the fall, could be a renewed outbreak.....or not. Let us error on the side of caution and just keep driving Hooper at home for now. Thanks for all you do.

I'm not going anywhere until I'm vaccinated. Recreational driving on my property only. Wife and I are in our 70's.

Spacing out parking of trailers. Small show and no stabling only work out of the trailer.

I don't know why rough camping would be a problem if social distancing rules were followed. I am very much in favor of face masks and social distancing as preventive measures, but everyone present needs to cooperate, and that means these need to be a requirement, not a suggestion.

I think we have some great opportunities to host 1 day events that do not require hotel/dining for traveling participants. The goal is to be responsible adults and keep everyone SAFE. That way we can ALL return to our new normal for 2021 competition year. Thank you for reaching out!

opinion: Outside events should NOT be such a problem. People are able to space out at most CDE event venues. camping is better than any Hotel! its your owe space, no elevator to be stuck in! I would go to a CDE tomorrow but I am not a high risk person.

"Such a challenge, All paperwork can been done ahead of time
Info can be texted out to compete info. Stay germ free they said !
And this germ is very sneaky! . We will endure this !

We are anxious to resume normal activities but need to get trailer and horses prepared which has been slow because of shutdown. I.e. farrier. Also since income has been impacted we have to be more economical

We would love to show this year, but probably will not with the current way things are. We have 4 small children and my mom (75) lives with us, so we consider it too risky to do things for recreation. We would be willing to do any of the above things you listed at future shows. We are easy to get along with. We think 1 day shows would be awesome (like eventing 'mini trials) that have 1 phase after another. We are fine with receiving everything electronically.

Have a new pony and anxious to get her out, but realistically I think the reasonable, responsible thing to do is wait until the testing, treatment, and vaccination protocols are more solid. I don't think that will realistically be until 2021.

"I enjoy competing but it is a social event as well as a competition. Living 5 to 6 hours from the closest event makes traveling for a one day event not very feasible, if they do not allow you to arrive a day early or possibly stay until the next morning to travel home after competing all day. I did not feel comfortable staying in a motel/hotel before Covid-19 really do not feel like staying in one now! Flying maybe in the fall but not now.

I think every venue should have rules, but as important is that each person at venue should be respectful of other people's wishes during this time.

"I think the hardest part will be getting people to comply with any changes I'm willing to try"

"I would not go to any show right now but would consider going in the fall. This totally depends on how the virus is acting, upward trend in cases vs downward IN MY AREA OF THE COUNTRY.

if i have to wear a mask I am not showing. We have plenty of rules already we do not need more.

Strict guidelines will hinder my showing. I will not show if there are masks required, not able to walk courses at will. I live too far from any events to do a one day show if they do not allow arrival the night before.

too far to drive for a one day show

Hand washing stations, well maintained and in close proximity to washrooms and stabling areas, would be important. At most shows they are in limited supply and often run out of water or paper towels. Warm water would also probably improve the effectiveness (Probably worth checking out with a medical pro). Maybe have a temperature station at check-in?

Number of people allowed in event

As part of an organizing team for a summer CDE I am concerned about fiscal stability for the event. If we build it will they come?

I think that ultimately, its going to come down to #1 the facilities being open for events, the liability for hosting us still unknown. #2 getting volunteers to run events. CDEs are so dependent on volunteers. #3 Financially illustrated shows are hanging on by a thread and there won't be enough firm commitment from competitors to risk hosting an event. Obviously I want to go to a horse show! I'm a trainer and my extra profit for the year comes from hauling and day fees at horse shows. But I have 2 clients who are 70+ both whose husbands are immunocompromised. They desperately WANT to go to shows, just not knowing if it's safe or not will probably hold them back.

"Just because one can show does not mean we should

My comfort level is directly in line with what I see around me. I know how to follow the protocols put in place and if I see the people around me being responsible. Then I feel safe. Our cde's are outside in open air. I believe we can easily adjust to social distancing protocols to keep everyone safe.

Some places using electronic devices to spread information does not work because the wi-fi is not good enough or people don't text. Rough camping and self-stabling makes it affordable fir a lot of us.

There's no way to social distance all the time at events. cones setters, judges with helpers, helpers getting score cards, setting up courses, etc. concessions, awards, barn environment, and the list grows.

Unfortunately limit entries, maybe spread start times, and only allow helpers to 1-2 people. I'm out driving my boys 4-5 days a week, but I am by myself. Maybe a cross country event where we could at least have some fun and a little competition thrown in.

I would be more comfortable rough camping in my own trailer than staying in a hotel where I have no control or knowledge of how well cleaning protocols are followed. Proper insurance is important, as well as following all isolation guidelines.

As a recreational driver, being outside, in the open is the important thing. Most of us only want to drive in safe areas. Unfortunately, this may limit the "talks", learning opportunity, etc. that might have been offered during the days/evenings, etc.

I think skipping 2020 for shows and events might be the best decision

Impossible to stay 6 feet apart at a horse show. Could limit number of people in the office at a time. Maybe limit number of people in barn to 2 at a time.

Mask wearing, social distancing measures among competitors and spectators makes common sense and can address covid concerns at this time. Additional mandates above cdc mandates at venues and events just seem to cause additional and unnecessary concerns. Events and venues should follow cdc guideline and mitigate additional liability concerns with event waivers. My dilemma has been do I choose not to show to protect our health (if we get really sick or hospitalized who will take care of the 10 horses here?) or do I choose to show to support the show? I'm choosing to stay at home where I have complete control over everything and not let my safety up to others who may not do their job or my plans foiled due to government restrictions that can be imposed at any time. I look forward to showing with gusto in 2021!

Everything will be in relation with borders opened or not. Also, depend of the situation in the state where I will go. If it's safe and secure, I will be there.

I understand HITS is going to try to start up in June. I think we should watch closely and learn what works and what may not. They have a much larger group of people that gather. Also maybe more clinics that may be easier to keep the numbers lower and more distances. Thank you be safe.

I am ok with eliminating social functions from shows and stressing social distancing for the immediate future. Stabling brings people into close contact though so that is a concern. I think local one day competitions like CTs, Derbies or Combined Test are most appropriate for now.

"need to consider individually packaged food items for social gatherings, volunteers.

Despite having social distance protocols, there will always be someone who feels the rules do not apply to them. We should have some form of ""warning / punishment"" so that an Organizer can request that someone be asked to leave the show grounds without penalty to the Organizer"

Stabling with at least one stall in between. Lots of porta potties with hand washing stations
We really wanted to qualify a few of our answers. For instance: we would attend an indoor event only if there were distances between our seating.

As a healthcare provider we are not even out of the first wave, and people are not wearing masks. There is no way you can proclaim to make a show venue safe at this point. Having an event will attract bored people looking for ANYTHING to do. Many of these folks are ambivalent about regulations and protocols. While attendees will be forced to accept rules, we need to establish safety personnel who can keep outsiders from breaking our regulations and endangering competitors and volunteers.

I am afraid we are going to continue to lose venues and competitions due to facility downsizings, forced facility sales and or foreclosure

"If attending a one day show I would only take part in local.

I have always rough camped and found it very private in terms of interactions.

It's all going to be difficult and uncomfortable no matter what. And it will direct affect the sport. Is there some way you could skip a year and substitute a different kind of program?

Virus is age dependent and those in the age groups need to take more precautions

Face masks must be required. The airlines are requiring it which is why I am comfortable flying and not comfortable going to a social event or dinner.

Use common sense.

all this depends on people's own concerns. financially some of this involves how far one has to travel for a venue to attend. Possibly there will be fewer events in the future due to the (what appears) driving community is diminishing due to age, financial ability, good driving equines and trainers.

Equine activities are by nature self-distancing. The red ribbon in a tail was invented for a reason. Driving is even more so. I know many drivers are super social and love to gather at each other's rigs to eat drink and be merry, but that's not a horse show. It's a down-time filler. Simple show rule right now: If you're walking on two feet , wear a mask.

I am high risk and take care of my elderly parents, also very high risk with compromised immune systems. I will not do any social activity that I don't think I can mitigate risk by staying well away from others. This will limit me to events within easy drive so I don't have to worry about accommodations, meals, or stopping during the drive. Unfortunately in Texas, this will count out most driving activities. Should improvement in infection rates be seen, I'll start venturing out. My driving activities are very important to me, and I do not want to miss the year, so I will take each event individually and try to judge the risk.

I think the hardest thing will be enforcing rules consistently. Some people are very cautious while others simply aren't. How will you reassure the scared and convince the reckless? Is it an immediate disqualification if someone doesn't follow protocol? If not, what's the penalty? What's the incentive for those who aren't as cautious to follow protocol?

I would prefer one day events.

I'd be happy to pay higher prices to show to help make up for the lack of entries.

Should make available sanitizer in bathrooms, concession stands and arena area. Stop stressing over this and start having shows. If someone doesn't want to attend, let them stay home.

I will wait until this pandemic has been dealt with and I can safely go about my daily life without fear before going to a competition

I think the best practice is not to try to host any competition unless there is a very high likelihood that the virus is receding, a decision to be based on expert guidance and not that of some self-serving politician. Even then, I think social distancing practices should be part of any group get together for the foreseeable future.

I would rather camp in my horse trailer, self-contained, where I can prepare my own food, with social distancing, than go to a hotel and restaurants, if attending a multi-day show

My decision where to compete would partially depend on incidence of COVID 19 in that area and where I felt safe staying overnight if not at home.

Results posting areas always attract groups of people. That would have to be addressed. Thank you for doing this survey. We are most anxious to get back to competing and would comply with whatever restrictions were put in place in order to do so.

Wait until 2021

Hand sanitizer available around show grounds, perhaps volunteers disinfecting water pump handles, porta potty door handles. Social events could be ok if masks required. Masks required when walking hazards/cones.

As always, venues, volunteers and participants will determine the long-term. But, for now, we need tests, treatments and vaccinations. There is a chance horses are susceptible, too, as are dogs. Patience might be required, for now.

Hand washing stations near porta Jon's. Disinfectant spray for jons. Face masks optional but encouraged.

Be considerate of others.

I'm a new driver. I have an experienced CDE horse, but have not yet competed. It is my goal, but further education/training is my more immediate goal. I would be interested in clinics. Guidelines for this type of event would be nice.

It would be extremely difficult for me to compete wearing a mask. Particularly for marathon. Stay 6 feet apart for onlookers, not for competitors or their ground support while showing, but require masks for everyone while on premises, until it is known if recovery instills long term immunity, so contaminated particles do not become airborne and are carried by breezes and air currents to other people.

There will continue to be resurgences of COVID-19 because people will not follow the stay at home protocol. This will negatively impact our health and economy. Sporting event are not essential activities.

"Wearing a mask while competing isn't practical however in the stabling area, office, course walking may be more feasible.

Rough camping: flat out game changer. I am not comfortable in a hotel but can control access and cleanliness in my own rig. If rough camping is banned yet RV camping allowed this makes no sense. If camping is banned and a hotel is my only choice; I won't attend.

While I am looking forward to getting out, I am also content to wait if it is truly better to do so for the health of others.

Require masks at all times for all people involved

"-Besides competitors, we have to consider volunteers, spectators, family members, vendors, photographers, food providers, sanitation arrangements.

-We've noted in the past that our customers are not avid observers of infection control, as when we put biosecurity measures in place to guard against the spread of flu-rhino. Maybe this spell of illness is different.

- Almost all our event customers are in some high-risk group or another.

- We still have folks who think this contagion and infection control measures are bunk.
- If we do hold events this year, they will need to be smaller. That'll affect our finances, and may be a deal-breaker.
- We have next to zilch local officials. Anybody we'd hire would need to brave air travel. We'd need social distancing in hotel accommodations, too -- more expense for our OC.
- With potentially more expenses at home for our customers, they may have less discretionary funds for entry fees and event donations.
- It would be a challenge to have work parties and to set up and build courses and arenas in advance of an event while maintaining infection control measures.
- I think we'd want to have some kind of meeting with our customers to see how willing they'd be to live with constraints. They may be so hungry for events that they'd follow the rules.
- Our venue owner requires us to use stalls for any events -- even one-day events.
- 99% of our customers, both competitors and volunteers, camp at our events. Because many come from far distances, a one-day event is not practical for them. A one-day event might get 10-20 participants rather than our usual 50-60.

As an organizer of Northwest combined driving competitions I am aware that over 95% of our organizing committee members, competitors, and volunteers fall in one high risk area or another. Plus this community is extremely social and not great at remembering to follow new rules. They are used to doing things the way they have in the past. It's not worth the risk to our northwest driving community to hold events while social distancing restrictions are in place.

Drives as well as competitions well set apart for hitching?

I don't feel that we can safely plan and hold events anywhere until maybe September. I would rather see more educational webinars from the ADS this season to inspire us drivers. I'll be 70 this year and am starting a new horse. I would be willing to volunteer close to home, but probably won't show until next year if the beast is ready.

While I am immunocompromised I look forward to a possible event in Sept (all the others in my area have been cancelled). As long as we can practice the same bio security we do with our horses I feel we will all be OK. I'd also suggest that anyone feeling ill should be allowed a refund of entry fees to encourage people to stay home if they are ill.

Would be useful to have handwashing or sanitizer stations readily accessible. Soap and water are a beautiful thing.

Shows and clinics are exogenous by nature, therefore the statistics suggest, increase significantly the likelihood of infection. I am hoping the shows I am contracted to judge will all cancel, but will honor contracts. I will not compete as I only compete with multiples and have no one in my household who can safely groom.

Until we have herd immunity, which requires testing to establish, or a proven vaccine, I will limit my driving to my home farm and my other work to one on one lessons from outside the vehicle with a headset and speaker system.

As a long time organizer, official and competitor, I urge the ADS to not recognize any events in 2021 and ask those that are scheduled to postpone to 2021.

Develop a 2021 organizer support program and raise the money to do so. Put that in a separate designated fund. After a year down, many events that are local and marginal will tend not to reoccur unless there is help from ADS. An offer of 2021 aid should be coupled with the recommendation to postpone in 2020, at least for the smaller events.

Once a vaccine or herd immunity is established, a return to traditional driving will be possible, but organizational and financial support will be needed. The only thing that would change that is a contagion event that would be traced back to an ADS approved event.

Ability to park at a distance for a one day event...drive from my trailer into ring or course. return to trailer. Not much fun this way but the only way I would consider participating. Would miss social contact.

Eliminate indoor meetings. Utilize electronic messaging as much as possible to disseminate info. Driver meetings held outside where social distancing is easier to accomplish. Encourage use of hand wash stations with all portable restrooms. Eliminate food offered at meetings and awards. I answered these ?s with the present status of Covid 19 in mind. However things change almost daily so I could be answering entirely different in the future. However, I choose to be optimistic and hopeful that we will be able to show sometime this season. Thank you!

I feel rough camping is safe, as long as campers have own bathroom. Excellent survey. I don't think it's really going to be safe until 2021, but with safeguards in place I would consider showing this fall. I think there has to be clear guidelines to competitors and visitors as to social distancing and best hygienic practices. I don't think these horse shows are like other sporting events where tens of thousands of people show up. With reasonable precautions I think that they could go forward.

I'm not currently participating in competitions since my pony is retired, but I maintain my FEI dressage field for anyone in the area to practice in and am building gates for marathon practices. Masks and distance will be essential to anyone trailering in here.

Just follow state/local law.

Perhaps instead of handing out ribbons for class awards, make it so competitors can print out certificates at home or library after the event. It would also save show management the cost of ribbons, which can be significant, and offset extra expenses which the pandemic may cause competitions to incur.

"Regarding #17 as much as we love to attend a show - we would survive and life would go on if we couldn't compete on 2020. We do it for fun and love to see our friends.

RE: #14 Our sponsorship amount may be a tad bit smaller than normal as our Hog farm has No income at this time, so we've been impacted but would send what \$\$ I can to help support an event.

Right now it is too soon to make some of these choices. We are peaking yet other states opening up carelessly. The important thing is that we do not lose another member of our driving community and that we can all come back safely. I do not want to put organizers and volunteers at risk for our driving pleasure. Every day it is changing. Hopefully with warmer weather it settles down. Resubmit the survey in a month. Thank you

Some people find showing relaxing. I think it's a great network and a stress reliever.

We would be willing to sign any waiver regarding COVID-19.

You can have all proper guidelines in place to keep everyone safe, but there will always be some people who don't abide by the rules and endanger us all.