

## 4-H Equine Events – Live 7-6-20

Facts about the SARS-CoV-2 Virus that Causes COVID-19:

- The virus is transmitted person to person through respiratory droplets, which is why 6-foot physical distancing is so important.
- There is no evidence that the virus can be transmitted by food.
- It can persist on surfaces for between 24-72 hours which is why sanitation of commonly touched surfaces is important.
- Risks of infection from touching surfaces can be significantly reduced by avoiding touching the face, frequent handwashing, or use of hand sanitizers.
- Cloth face coverings reduce spreading of the virus by those who may be infected but are not showing symptoms and should be used in addition to physical distance and hand hygiene.

**This is a living document and will be updated as we move through the COVID-19 Mitigation process.**

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### **Procedures:**

- The 4-H Equine event does not start until members arrive to the event and concludes at the time of departure from the event.
- Participants and attendees will be provided a form to complete and attest (sign) to the health screening questions in the NY Forward Guidance. Forms will be given to the respective County Executive Director/s in which the program participants originate via respective staff at this event.
- A listing of all who are present and their contact information will be collected/created as a tracing mechanism.
- Participants and all attendees are expected to bring their own face cover and keep with them at all times. The face cover must be worn properly which includes fully covering the nose and mouth in all cases where a distance of 6 feet between people cannot be attained. Extra face covers will be provided in case someone does not have one.
- Participants are asked to bring all their own equipment needed for the event. Sharing of equipment is strongly discouraged.
- Hand sanitizer will be available and hand washing encouraged throughout the event.

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- There are limitations to those present. Youth participants are to bring only their guardian/s or parent/s. Extended family and friends will not be allowed at this time. All non-members in attendance must have a relevant or safety reason for being present. Non-members present must also complete a health assessment and sign in with the designated CCE staff member for contact tracing purposes.
- Participants are asked to bring their own beverage and food to stay hydrated and energized as well as their own writing utensil if applicable.
- Participants are expected to social distance at all times including breaks and unstructured times (snacks/meal breaks/non class time/etc..). Failure to do so will result in being excused from the event.
- Overnight is not permitted at this time.
- Stall assignments will be spread out as is best to maximize social distancing mechanisms.
- Restrooms will be available and managed by Schaghticoke Fairgrounds maintenance.
- The operation and facilitation of equine events may be altered as needed in order to comply with health guidance in alignment with the reduction of COVID-19 spread.
- All in attendance must have a COVID-19 Waiver on file with the CCE office.

Attached is the Health Screening tool required of all program participants and those in attendance to complete upon arrival to an event.

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