



Risk Management Plan for COVID 19

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Exceptional Equestrians staff, volunteers, and participants will adhere to the following guidelines to prevent the spread of communicable disease such as COVID 19. These procedures are in place for your protection and that of our staff and volunteers.

Anyone with the following symptoms or who has been exposed to individuals with symptoms should not attend therapy sessions or enter the building.

- Fever
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Coughing/sneezing
- Recent loss of taste or smell
- Headache/body-ache
- Nausea or vomiting

Anyone who has been tested for COVID-19 may not return to work or services until a negative result is documented or a written physician statement is provided.

Anyone who has had direct contact with someone who is positive for Covid-19 should quarantine for 14 days or until tested with negative result. Staff, volunteers, and/ or participants who have tested positive for COVID-19 must quarantine for 14 days. All individuals entering the EE campus must have been free from any active symptoms without medication for a minimum of 48 hours.

Everyone entering the building will **complete and sign the self-declaration and informed consent form, each time they arrive**. Anyone with visible symptoms, or who indicates exposure in the self-declaration form will be asked to leave.

Staff may check temperatures of individuals entering the building with a contactless thermometer.

All staff and volunteers will wear masks when working with patients or when in proximity to other staff. **Parents/Caregivers are required to wear a mask while inside the building.** If this is not an option, parent/caregiver may wait outside or in the car during the participant's session. Patients/participants are not required to wear masks but should if willing and/or able.

No gathering in the lobby or sign in area. If you arrive early for your session, please wait in the car until your scheduled time to avoid contact with families exiting their session prior to yours. After sign-in, participants should proceed directly to the handwashing station and then the indoor arena.

All staff, volunteers, participants and caregivers must wash their hands or use hand sanitizer prior to and between each session.

If the participant is unable to do so independently, the parent/caregiver or staff will wash the hands of each patient prior to treatment at handwashing station. All surfaces used for handwashing are to be wiped down immediately following.

Only one caregiver shall be present during a treatment session. No siblings unless special precautions and arrangements have been made. ***Note: We realize this may be an issue for some families without childcare. If siblings must travel to therapy sessions, you may call or text us upon arrival and the clinician will come to you and bring the participant in for services.***

We plan to attempt a maximum of three participants in the arena at a time, maintaining appropriate distance. Caregivers should sit on benches spaced at least 6 feet apart and avoid congregating around others.

Clean towels will be placed on each saddle or bareback pad for each patient/participant. All toys or objects are to be used by one client only and put into disinfecting bin. Helmets and belts to be sanitized with each use.

Barn staff will not share grooming buckets and will clean and sanitize all grooming tools, stall handles etc. on a regular basis.

Hallway and bathroom floors will be cleaned frequently with Swiffer Wet wipe or mop. All surfaces will be disinfected after use including equipment, door handles, keyboards, faucets etc.

Bubbler/water fountains are not to be used.

Extra T-shirts courtesy of Thrivent are available should staff wish to change after direct contact and handling of a patient. Washable gowns are also available for those patients/participants requiring direct contact.

We are in this together.....THANK YOU for your cooperation and understanding!!