



THERAPEUTIC RIDING INSTITUTE

Program Policies and Procedures for COVID Virus Prevention Updated September 1, 2021

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The health and well-being of our students, guests, volunteers, and staff are TRI's first priority. Consequently, TRI will follow all applicable CDC and Ohio Department of Health guidelines regarding COVID-19 and all persons present at the TRI property are required to comply with this policy. *Thank you.*

1. Before participating in any TRI activity, it is the responsibility of all persons to determine if the benefits of participating outweigh the risk of contracting COVID. Only you can make this determine and TRI will not be held responsible for determining your individual risk. TRI reserves the right to exclude any person's participation from TRI activities.
2. Regardless of COVID vaccination status, all persons at the TRI property must wear a CDC-recommended mask whenever feasible, except when alone in a room or working outside and able to maintain a 6-foot distance from others. Bandanas, scarves and gators are not approved masks. Exemptions from TRI's mask requirement will be made on a case-by-case basis.
3. When feasible, social distancing (i.e. 6-feet of separation from others) must be maintained by all persons at the TRI property.
4. Before entering the TRI property, all persons must perform self-assessment for COVID symptoms each day. Persons who have symptoms, described on the CDC website at www.cdc.gov, cannot participate in TRI activities until they obtain a negative COVID test or have quarantined for the CDC-recommended number of days. Please notify TRI if you will be absent from lessons or scheduled volunteer duties.
5. If you have tested positive for COVID or have been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID, you must notify a staff member of TRI if you have been on the property during the infection period. TRI will follow CDC guidelines on quarantining. Lesson fees will be adjusted, if requested, for those who must miss lessons due to a COVID quarantine or illness. No one should attend lessons if there is even a remote chance of exposure or illness.
6. If conditions are deemed unsafe, programming may be suspended immediately. This decision will be made by TRI's Executive Director, Program Director and Board of Directors.
7. Regular handwashing is required. Handwashing sinks are available in the Welcome Center, Tack Room, Admin Garage and Admin Office Building.

Participant Guest Procedures

1. We ask that only parents/guardians attend sessions with student(s). When this is not possible, please limit the number of siblings and guests in attendance and remain at a social distance in the Clubhouse, or the grassy horseshoe area, or in your vehicle.
2. Participants will wait in cars until the start of their lesson. A volunteer or their instructor will come to escort the participant to the wash area.
3. Riders will be asked to have their own helmets if possible. These **MUST** be a certified ASTM/SEI riding helmet and fit properly. TRI will assign a helmet to riders who cannot provide their own. Helmets will be assigned to riders for the duration of the session when possible. All helmets will be disinfected after each use.

Program Staff

1. Instructors will wear their masks during mounting and whenever within proximity of others but will remove and store mask according to CDC infection control guidelines when further away for clear communication.
2. Instructors will aid participants from the side or back as much as possible- avoiding standing directly in front of them as much as able.
3. Instructors shall remove any person who they feel is COVID symptomatic, been exposed to COVID, or are not following the requirements of this policy.