COVID-19 Risk Management Protocols

- All volunteers and participants (including those renting arena space) will be required to sign an additional release specific to communicable disease and COVID-19.
- All volunteers and participants will be asked to answer the questions on the health and wellness checklist available on the COVID 19 page of the Misty Meadows website upon arrival to the farm. Any volunteer or participant who feels unwell is to remain at home and consult with their Dr. Should any staff, volunteer or participant test positive for COVID – 19 they will not be permitted to return to Misty Meadows until a Dr. note is provided clearing them.
- All staff, volunteers and participants will wear face coverings at all times when in enclosed spaces or when social distancing cannot be maintained. During mounted lessons the instructor and independent participants may remove their face covering after the mounting process is complete. Face coverings are also required during the dismounting process. Misty Meadows will provide face coverings for anyone who does not arrive at the farm with one.
- During lesson times, the indoor arena doors will all be open including the entrance facing the parking lot.
- Participants should be dropped off and enter the open door of the indoor arena. Foot traffic in other areas of the building or property is prohibited unless guided by a staff member as part of a lesson. The exception would be to utilize the restroom inside the building.
- Parents/guardians and other family members may watch lessons from a safe distance in small groups. Families are responsible for bringing their own seating.
- Upon entering the indoor arena and before beginning the lesson, participants and volunteers must wash their hands or use hand sanitizer which will be provided at the entrance to the indoor arena.
- Each horse will be utilized for lessons one time per day with contact with one
- It is strongly encouraged that participants purchase and utilize their own ASTM/SEI approved helmet. In the event a helmet must be borrowed, it will be brought to the arena by the instructor. After use, the helmet will be placed in the “dirty” pile and cleaned and disinfected for the next day.
- All tack utilized during the lesson will not be used on another horse the same day and cleaned and disinfected at the end of each day.
- Between lessons staff will clean and disinfect all high contact surfaces including the restroom/port-a-pot and sanitize hands.