



COVID-19 Participant Plan

Effective May 14, 2020

Purpose & Scope

While there is no way to eliminate all risks related to COVID-19, the following requirements and recommendations are aimed to decrease the risk of COVID-19 infection. These requirements and recommendations are intended to ensure ArQHA organizers and participants are following the most recent guidance from federal, state, and other public health officials.

We are all in this together and the situation requires that each and every one of us take personal responsibility for the health, safety, and welfare of ourselves, our family members, and our colleagues and peers in the competition environment. Whether participant, competition organizer and staff, or vendor and support personnel, we each need to exercise caution, take precautionary measures, be accountable, and utilize good judgement at all times while interacting with one another at competitions.

Requirements for Competitors and Immediate Family

Participants are expected to comply with these requirements at all times while present on competition grounds. Failure to do so may result in expulsion from the grounds. Participants acknowledge and agree to follow these requirements with the entry into the show.

Access

- Anyone who exhibits [COVID-19 symptoms](#) or has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last two weeks, cannot enter the competition grounds.
- If you recently, visited a “hot spot” (including NY, NJ, Chicago area, or New Orleans, etc.) or have had fever and/or symptoms of COVID-19, you are **not** permitted to enter the fairgrounds.
- Those at high risk (e.g. above the age of 65 or with underlying health conditions) may need to refrain from attending.
- Participants and attendees are required to wear a facemask or face covering when social distancing cannot be maintained. The facemask should be worn appropriately to cover both the mouth and nose.

Social Distancing/Participation Protocols

- Comply with social distancing requirements at all times on the competition grounds.
- Wash hands often and adhere to other sanitization practices throughout the day.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Concession area is under the rules of the current food trucks, and there can be no lines.

- Order your food and stay 12 ft apart and wait for your food to be ready.
- The bleacher/stands area is requiring all spectators to be 12ft. apart unless you are sitting with the family members that you came with and have already been around.
- Provide adequate food and beverage supplies for your barn and your support staff for the duration of the competition to avoid unnecessary community exposure.
- Do not mix equipment (tack, grooming supplies, lead shanks, etc.) and sanitize between each use.
- Regularly sanitize bikes/motorbikes/golf carts/car & truck door handles, stable doors, bucket handles, light switches, etc., and equipment including tack, grooming, feeding, stall cleaning materials, etc.

Recommended Best Practices

- Social areas are strongly discouraged unless social distancing requirements are enforced. Sharing of food between attendees is discouraged unless it is individually pre-packaged.
- Show Office
 - All competitors are strongly encouraged to complete entry forms, in their entirety, including having all requisite memberships in place, utilizing the online format provided.
 - All entries, adds, scratches, feed & bedding orders, billing/invoicing are strongly encouraged to be completed electronically.
 - Information forthcoming regarding online entries, texting platforms for show numbers and scheduling updates, and numbers to communicate adds and scratches.
 - Competition patterns will be shared via electronic means only. They will be posted near the arena entry. No hard copies will be available.
 - Daily results and score sheets will be shared via electronic means to mitigate the risk of virus spread by the manual transfer of paper.
 - All payouts will be mailed within 2 weeks of the show conclusion

Competition, Schooling and Exercise Area Considerations

- Limit and organize seating areas to comply with social distancing requirements. Every other row of seating should be unoccupied to provide for 6 feet of physical distancing.
- Consider utilizing technology for information transfer to mitigate the risk of virus spread by the manual transfer of paper (i.e. judge's cards, scoresheets, etc.).