



Equine Distance Riding Association

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COVID Guidelines for EDRA Events

The overarching principle behind these guidelines is that each ride manager is responsible for being familiar with, and **adhering to, the state and county requirements** at the time of the ride. It is not the intention of EDRA to add burdens to ride managers, but EDRA also must consider the safety of the participants at its events. There is no such thing as a zero risk event, but for insurance purposes, EDRA events must follow the protocols recommended by each individual state and county to the best of our ability.

What follows are guidelines for the safety of all volunteers and participants at an EDRA event during the COVID outbreak. These guidelines are recommended for the duration of the COVID outbreak only.

1. Require pre-registration and pre-payment to minimize contact at ride.
2. Send all relevant information electronically to each paid participant prior to the ride, thereby eliminating the need for an official "ride meeting." Encourage participants to bring a minimal crew with them and more importantly IF THEY FEEL SICK OR HAVE A COUGH OR FEVER STAY HOME.
3. Have the Steward or another volunteer meet each vehicle as they enter the ride site and have them sign the COVID release form and hand-out the rider's completion award and any updated information.
4. All entrants, volunteers and staff wear masks in the vetting area. Vets and volunteers should have access to disposable gloves and hand sanitizer. Participants should also have hand sanitizer available and be encouraged to use it.
5. As much as possible, maintain appropriate social distance (six feet).
6. Provide ample hand sanitizer and extra masks and gloves for all but encourage everyone (in the pre-ride info packet) to bring their own.
7. Post signs on portapotties to use at own risk but encourage (in pre-ride packet) that participants utilize their own resources for waste management.
8. It is advised that no communal meals be provided by ride management.
9. If an awards meeting or mini clinic is held, social distancing guidelines established (drawing six foot diameter circles on the ground, etc.).

EDRA is providing these guidelines/suggestions in an effort to assist ride managers with planning for an event during this COVID outbreak that is both fun and safe. If you have any questions, please reach out to Vice President Jo Weinstein at joweinstein@gmail.com to gain clarification.