

Full Moon Farm: Best Practices for Dealing with COVID-19

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- General Rules:

- Everyone on the premises must have a signed Full Moon Farm LLC release form/waiver on-file.
 - Please note that everyone must sign an updated waiver, effective May 2020.
- Everyone must wear a cloth face mask (covering mouth & nose), except when mounted.
- Spectators/visitors are not permitted past the STOP sign in the driveway, and therefore may not come up to the barn or the riding rings.
 - New riders and those under the age of 6 are allowed 1 companion at the barn and/or riding ring.
 - All other parents/siblings/etc. must remain in their cars* while the rider grooms, tacks/untacks, and rides.
 - **Visitors are more than welcome to walk down to Louisville Road and back, if they wish to get some fresh air!*
 - If you own a horse, we want you to be able to come care for (and maybe spoil....) your horse, whether or not you are its rider. However, please do not hang around for an extended amount of time unnecessarily, or you will be asked to leave— especially if it's a high-traffic time at the barn.

- Sanitizing:

- All visitors should wash their hands (in the office) upon arrival and before leaving the farm.
- FMF Staff and Working Students will clean and sanitize the barns and all supplies as well and as frequently as possible.
- After each day of lessons, Working Students and/or Instructors must sanitize:
 - all reins and helmets that have been used, using sanitizing wipes and/or Lysol.
 - all crops, horse boots, and cross-tie clips, using sanitizing wipes and/or Lysol.

- Grooming and Tacking:

- Crossties in the Grooming Barn are to be used only for lessons, medical procedures, and other pre-approved uses.
- There must be one empty grooming stall between horses, unless the riders live in the same household.
- Beginners (those who cannot tack up without help) will have their horses tacked up (and bridled) for them, and will have their horse handed to them outside the barn.
- Boarders, lessees, and others who are able must tack up in their horse's stall.
- Everyone must use their own grooming supplies, fly spray, helmets, crops, etc.
 - If you have your own, use it! This includes saddle pads, saddles, horse boots, etc.
 - Exceptions made for new riders or those who do not yet have their own supplies. However, we expect everyone to have their own supplies by the middle of June 2020.
 - We suggest going online to Dover Saddlery, SmartPak, or Amazon; or going to shops like Maryland Saddlery or Dover Saddlery.

- Ring Space:
 - The law states there is a maximum of 10 people in any one *place* at a time, which our advisors advise does not mean *premises*, meaning... We may have a maximum of 10 people in each *area* of our very large property.
 - If the weather and the horses' attitudes permit, riders must spread out as much as possible.
 - i.e., on a perfect day with perfect horses, 5 riders should not all be free-riding in the same ring if another ring is empty.
 - Maximum number of people in each ring when used for lessons:
 - Indoor: 8 riders (and 2 instructors)
 - Little Outdoor: 7 riders (and 1 instructor)
 - Big Outdoor: 8 riders (and 2 instructors)
 - Maximum number of people free-riding in each ring:
 - Indoor: 6 riders
 - Little Outdoor: 4 riders
 - Big Outdoor: 10 riders
 - Boarders and lessees must fill in their ride times on the Google Docs schedule– before riding!
 - Lessons will also be recorded here, so riders know when there is ring space.
 - Lessons, half-lease rides, and free rides are on a fixed schedule, and therefore have priority.

- Helping others:
 - While we usually encourage everyone to be hands-on and helpful, this is not the best practice right now. We need everyone to figure things out for themselves, as much as possible.
 - Riders who are not “beginners” are expected to carry their own tack, supplies, etc. and lead their own horses.
 - Some horses (namely Joey, Tucker, and a couple others...) may need to be led by someone other than their rider.
 - Once on the horse, riders must adjust their stirrups themselves.
 - Therefore, it's a good idea to adjust them as much as possible *before* getting on.
 - If a rider is unable to properly adjust their own stirrups, they can ride without them. This is not a punishment; it is the best rule for right now. Riding without stirrups is a good skill to practice anyway!
 - In the event of an emergency (i.e., someone is bleeding, doing a necessary medical procedure, etc.), certain practices may be suspended for the benefit of those involved.
 - e.g., if someone falls off and cannot get up, others should not maintain the 6 feet apart– they will go assist the fallen rider. (This doesn't mean that everyone should crowd around!)

Again, because this is important to us...

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Please sign below to acknowledge that you have read, understand, and agree to abide by these practices.

Date

Signature

Printed Name