



2021 COVID Infection Control Protocols

Banbury Cross Therapeutic Equestrian Center COVID-19 Infection Control Plan

All

1. No one with signs or symptoms should come to the facility. Instructors will do a verbal health check with riders and volunteers prior to their sessions at the beginning of every session asking about: signs and symptoms, travel, and exposure. Documentation will be recorded in weekly notes. Temperature checks will be taken prior to any volunteer or client entering the facility.
2. Upon arrival and when leaving Banbury, everyone will wash their hands at a hand washing station following CDC guidelines.
3. All staff & volunteers will be required to wear a face mask while on property. While not required, it is strongly encouraged that riders who are able wear face masks. All will maintain 6 feet social distancing as much as possible.
4. Numbers of volunteers, participants, and guests will be limited at any one time.
5. Horses will not be receiving treats from participants at this time and we ask that everyone please refrain from petting the cats.

Family/Participant Procedures

1. Families should bring only one person needed to care for the participant to help limit the number of people on site.
2. Staff will meet participants and their caregiver in the parking lot to complete temperature checks and screen for COVID exposure/symptoms. Those who exhibit or have been exposed to anyone with symptoms will be asked to leave the property and must miss class for the week.
3. All family members will need to wear masks while on property and wash hands before entering and when leaving the property. Additional hand washing and limiting touching of surfaces is recommended. Wearing of face masks by participants is optional, but strongly encouraged at this time.
4. The families can go to the observation room for seating which will be staged specifically to help in maintaining social distancing. The rest of the property will be off limits at this time. Banbury is trying to limit contact points throughout the property. The barn will be off limits to all participants and families until further notice.
5. Riders will begin classes on the hour, as opposed to the usual 45-minute block. This is to allow staff plenty of time to disinfect all areas and equipment between sessions. **You must arrive on time to ensure proper precautions can be taken and safely mount your rider. No late riders can be mounted.**
6. Families will be asked to leave promptly after class to allow for disinfecting and to limit the number of people on site. No feeding horses treats at this time.

Volunteers

1. In order to keep volunteers engaged and to maximize volunteer retention, we may need to limit volunteers to less sessions. Thus, maintaining a small number of people on site but maximizing number of people engaged in program.
2. Volunteers will be met in the parking lot by a staff member prior to entering the barn to have their temperatures checked and to be screened for COVID symptoms and possible exposure. Anyone displaying a fever, symptoms or having been exposed will be asked to leave the property. It is imperative that all volunteers show up at the time scheduled as late arrivals will not be able to be properly scanned and will not be able to assist with classes.
3. Volunteers will wear face masks the entire time they are on property. Volunteers will be encouraged to bring their own masks however a small supply will be available on site.
4. Volunteers need to wash their hands before entering and leaving Banbury, as well as throughout their volunteer time.
5. To limit the number of individuals moving through the observation room and arena, volunteers will be using the portable toilet in the volunteer parking lot to use the bathroom. Hand sanitizer is available in the portable toilet as well.
6. Volunteers will be trained in proper face mask use, hand washing techniques and signs/ symptoms of COVID 19.
7. Volunteers will text or email Briahna, the volunteer coordinator, with the number of hours. The sign in book/computer will not be used.
8. Horse handlers will carry a hand sanitizer with them at all times to be used. Horse handlers will be assigned only one or two horses they are responsible for their volunteer time.
9. Volunteers should be mindful and limit touching extra gates, handles, equipment, brushes, lights, etc. to minimize spread of germs.

Staff

1. Instructors will each have an infection control bag. The bag will contain supplies to mitigate contamination by bodily fluids including properly folded masks, sanitizer, tissues, Ziploc bags (for soiled tissues), and gloves.
2. Instructors will wear their masks during mounting, dismounting, and whenever within proximity of others, but will remove and store mask according to CDC infection control guidelines when further away for clear communication.
3. Instructors will provide assistance to riders from the side or back as much as possible-avoiding standing directly in front of them as much as able.
4. Staff will manage all for proper social distancing- not normal in our environment- so many will need reminders initially.

Programming Procedures

1. There will be set weekly activities using easily washed objects.
2. Changes of tack will be kept to the minimum.
3. The tack room will be restricted access to staff and horse handlers only.
4. Horses that are used in class will be bathed after classes.
5. Tack: All cleaning will follow to our best ability CDC Guidelines after each session.
6. Grooming items: Will be sprayed with disinfectant solution at the end of use/day.
7. Reins: Reins will be sprayed with disinfectant between riders/drivers and wiped dry.
8. Saddles: Will be lightly sprayed with disinfectant and allowed to dry between riders.
9. Saddle pads and girths: Will be sprayed with disinfectant and then allowed to dry at the end of the day.
10. Lead ropes and halters: Will be sprayed with disinfectant and then allowed to dry at the end of the day.
11. Horse leaders will be responsible for cleaning tack for assigned horse(s). Tack will not be placed back into tack room until cleaned.
12. Will clean gate latches, cross tie snaps, hose ends, door knobs, light switches, ramp rail, and any seating/tables twice a day.
13. There will be signs throughout the property reminding about hand washing, social distancing, etc.
14. Disinfectants will follow the CDC recommendations.
Hand Sanitizer stations will also be available throughout the property.

I have read the above protocols and agree to follow them to the best of my ability. If I feel I can no longer abide by these protocols then I will alert a Banbury Cross Staff member and will cease riding/volunteering immediately.

I am a: Rider/Participant/Parent Volunteer Staff Member

Parent/Participant/Volunteer/Staff Printed Name: _____

Parent/Participant/Volunteer/Staff Signature: _____

Date: _____