



### **Pandemic Precautions:**

We know how important it is to be involved in outdoor activities. Horseback riding is a sport that allows social distance to be kept. It is outside in open air and sunlight. It is an individual sport, not a contact sport. Our stable is a large open-air facility allowing students to remain spread out. When on the horse in the arena, riders are completely spaced out at least 6 feet apart at all times as they must naturally keep distance between each horse. All of our camps and lessons will consist of small groups, different than you may have experienced with us in the past for those of you who have ridden with us before. Campers, when bringing a lunch, will have spacious outdoor eating areas or classroom (separate tables) where they can continue to keep social distance.

As further guidelines or changes are announced by CDC, and the federal and state governments we may change procedures according to what they recommend or require. For now, in the stable area and while mounting/dismounting, our highly trained staff is extremely vigilant in keeping social distance and monitoring health and safety in the following ways:

- Please understand your arrival time and if you arrive earlier, your child needs to stay in the car until their scheduled lesson start time in order to keep social distance within the stable.
- We ask that parents stay in their car to reduce foot traffic in/around the stable. If you desire to watch the lesson, you are welcome to sit in our bleachers but we ask that social distance still be kept. If an instructor becomes concerned about social distance, they will ask parent spectators to return to their cars.
- Signs are posted or sections are roped off for further reminders of social distancing for the following:
  - Only one student is allowed in the tack room at one time.
  - Our enclosed office is off limits unless one is invited in under the supervision of staff.
  - We have an open air covered space with separated stations for any classroom type learning.
- Horses are spaced out in the 80 ft long stable when grooming/saddling so social distance well over 6 feet is kept at all times. Instructors will supervise from a safe distance.
- If a student needs assistance with something, the instructor will put on their mask in order to safely approach the student.
- Students carry their own waters to/from the arena so as to avoid others touching their personal items.
- If a student needs help mounting/dismounting (sometimes the case with younger privates or semi privates), our instructors will put on a mask and gloves in order to safely assist.
- We have alternative lesson options as desired including:
  - having no inside stable activity thus an outdoor only lesson where the instructor gets the horse ready and the rider meets the instructor in the arena.
  - Scheduling private or semi-private lesson options instead of a small group.
- The bathroom, all doorknobs and stall handles are wiped down with bleach at scheduled times per day.
- If the rider does not have her/his own helmet and needs to borrow one of ours, the helmets are sprayed with a disinfectant after each use and put in the sun to further disinfect and not reused that day.
- Our instructors are consistently teaching students good hygiene habits, including the importance of frequent hand washing, as well as reminding them to sneeze/cough into the crook of their elbow or sleeve and to NOT touch their face to prevent the spread of illness.
- Staff is monitored for health and being fever free and are following and modeling all of the safe hygiene practices.

**Warning** Under Georgia law, there is no liability for an injury or death of an individual entering these premises if such injury or death results from the inherent risks of contracting COVID-19. You are assuming this risk by entering these premises.

If you have any questions or concerns, please give us a call or send us an email. We would love to have your child in our upcoming clinics/camps and lessons, and would be happy to discuss our precautions more in depth at any time. We can be very creative and flexible to help meet individual needs.

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