

## Protocols for a Safe Return to Racing w/o Spectators

### **EMPLOYEE TRAINING**

- Permit Holders shall develop and provide training to all team members, including security and medical personnel on all new procedures and monitoring/reporting requirements.
- Trainers, contractors, and vendors shall develop and provide training to their employees on all new procedures and monitoring/reporting requirements.
- Medical personnel will be trained on procedures to ensure that all suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 infection are properly communicated and documented.
- Establish a staff directory of all contacts for Key Personnel which can be accessible with cell phone numbers and emails. Also include the current management chain of command with names of key personnel.
- List of Key Personnel:
  - ❖ Include racing officials as designated by the state and safety staff.
  - ❖ Track employees
  - ❖ Personnel involved with the care, training and racing of horses including but not limited to grooms, hotwalkers, exercise riders, trainers and their assistants, jockeys, drivers, blacksmiths, veterinarians, outriders and pony persons.
  - ❖ Personnel licensed by the commission to ensure horse racing is held in compliance with state statutes and regulations.
  - ❖ Potential back-ups.

### **PROCEDURES, GUIDELINES AND DIRECTIVES**

#### **Medical Screenings**

- Anyone wishing to enter the backside area(s) or frontside area(s) must follow all established Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines.
  - ❖ Anyone refusing to comply will be denied entry.
- A valid Ohio State Racing Commission (OSRC) license must be presented at the time of entry.
  - ❖ If unlicensed and passes the medical screening, the person must go directly to the licensing office.
- Pre-entry procedures include:
  - ❖ Wearing, at minimum, a suitable mask or face covering prior to entering and all times while on the grounds except jockeys, exercise riders and drivers while mounted or seated behind a horse.
  - ❖ All individuals entering the Barn Area(s) or Frontside Area(s) will be screened in accordance with applicable public health orders or recommendations.
    - Permit Holder will perform medical screening for all of their employees prior to entering the barn area(s) or frontside area(s) in accordance with applicable public health orders or recommendations.

- Trainers, Contractors & Vendors will perform medical screening for all of their employees who wish to enter the barn area or front side area(s) in accordance with applicable public health orders or recommendations.
- Individuals living in dormitories shall:
  - ❖ Check in with their employer daily for medical screening by noon each day.
  - ❖ Anyone who does not comply will be asked to leave the grounds.
- Reports of individuals being exposed to or diagnosed with COVID-19 will be addressed in accordance with exclusionary protocols established by any applicable federal, state, or local public health orders, including, but not limited to:
  - ❖ The individual will be denied entry and/or removed from the property
  - ❖ The employer of the individual will follow all reporting requirements established by state or local public health agencies.

### **Procedures for onsite personnel and horses**

- Permit Holder will ensure antibacterial liquid soap will be kept stocked in restrooms and bath houses.
- Horsemen shall make hand sanitizer available for their staff, contractors and vendors
- Personnel are urged to make frequent use of the sanitizers and soap.
- Sharing of barn/horse equipment shall be minimized.
  - ❖ If used by multiple horsemen, equipment shall be sanitized by horsemen between each use.

### **On-Site Out of State Stables**

- When backsides open there will be a one-time grace period for out of state horses to relocate to the stable area backside
  - ❖ The horses will proceed to assigned stalls/barns
  - ❖ All out of state stables must be settled on the backside by specified date

### **Ship-Ins**

- Horses that are shipping in shall:
  - ❖ Proceed to assigned stall in receiving barn and shall not ship into a permanent on-site stall under any circumstances.
  - ❖ The horse must depart the property the same day – no exceptions
- Individuals in the receiving barns must follow social distancing guidelines.
- Horsemen are responsible for daily cleaning of all frequently touched surfaces such as faucets, door handles etc.
- Horsemen shall make hand sanitizer available for their employees working in the receiving barn.
- Permit holders will ensure the receiving barn rest rooms are stocked with soap.

### **Dormitories**

- Rooms may have two (2) people if they meet the following criteria
  - ❖ Criteria for two (2) people per room:
    - House families together i.e.-husband and wife
    - Currently room together

- Work in the same stable
- All other rooms must be single occupancy
- ❖ No Guests or unassigned people allowed in dorm rooms
- ❖ Shower rooms-Communal
  - Designated set hours with a minimum of eight (8) hours for shower use
  - Social distancing guidelines must be followed
  - Horsemen will provide bathroom attendant who will:
    - Sanitize the showers after each use
    - Sanitize bathroom fixtures while they are attending to the shower room

## **JOCKEYS' ROOM**

- All jockeys must pass the daily medical screening
- The permit holder will ensure that jockeys and staff can maintain spacing within the jockeys' room with the approval of the OSRC.
- Hand sanitizer and liquid soap will be provided for frequent use.
- The jockey's room shall be cleaned and disinfected by the permit holder at the end of each race day and remain closed on other days.
- Frequent use/touch surfaces will be cleaned throughout the day and/or supplies will be provided for additional cleansing.
- Saunas will remain closed.
- Jockeys shall leave the Jockeys' Room following their last race after being given the opportunity to shower.
- The saddle must be sanitized before being brought back to the jockey's room.

## **DRIVERS' ROOM**

- All drivers must pass the daily medical screening.
- The track will ensure that drivers and staff can maintain spacing within the driver's room to comply with proper social distancing guidelines.
- Hand sanitizer and liquid soap will be provided for frequent use.
- The drivers' room shall be cleaned and disinfected at the end of each race day and remain closed on other days.
- Frequent use/touch surfaces will be cleaned throughout the day and/or supplies will be provided for additional cleansing.
- Drivers will be asked to leave following their last race.
- Drivers who are not regular drivers and/or come in from out of state and regular drivers who drive elsewhere and return:
  - ❖ These drivers will be located in a separate room. If there is more than one outside driver they must be provided with a large enough room to allow them to comply with social distancing guidelines and contain restroom facilities.
  - ❖ These drivers will not be allowed access to the backside except for the paddock/driver's room area.

## **GRANDSTAND/FRONTSIDE ACCESS/PADDOCK AREA/WINNER'S CIRCLE ("Frontside Area(s)")**

- All individuals entering the Barn Area(s) or Frontside Area(s) will be screened in accordance with applicable public health orders or recommendations.
  - ❖ Permit Holder will perform medical screening for all of their employees prior to entering the barn area(s) or frontside area(s) in accordance with applicable public health orders or recommendations.
  - ❖ Trainers, Contractors & Vendors will perform medical screening for all of their employees who wish to enter the barn area or front side area(s) in accordance with applicable public health orders or recommendations.
- Frontside access will be strictly limited to racing officials and required track staff as well as horsemen with horses racing that day.
- Until spectators are allowed, owners will be prohibited from the grounds.
- Congregating anywhere in Frontside Areas is prohibited.
  - ❖ Must comply with social distancing guidelines.
- All frontside area(s) will remain closed to the general public.
- There will be no onsite wagering for racing to reduce the likelihood of congregation and to limit touchpoints on the grounds.
- Thoroughbred Paddock access will be limited to officials, the trainer, assistant trainer, groom and horse.
- Standardbred Paddock access will be limited to officials, the trainer, groom, warm up personnel and horse.
- Winner's Circle pictures will be limited to the horse, jockey, groom and trainer.
- Standardbred Winner's Circle pictures will be limited to horse and driver.

## **OFFICIALS AND RACE-TIME PERSONNEL**

- Race officials, charter(s), announcer(s), video production staff, timer(s), & photo finish staff, collectively known as "Officials & Racing Operations Personnel", shall follow safe social distancing practices at all times.
- Permit Holder will ensure hand sanitizer and/or antibacterial soap is available for all Officials & Racing Operations Personnel.
- Officials & Racing Operations Personnel shall utilize the minimum number of on-site staff to perform required functions.
- Judges/Stewards Hearings should be done via video or conference call when possible. Permit holder will use best efforts to provide space large enough to hold such hearings when a video or conference call is not possible.
- Entries shall be taken by phone or electronic means.
- Draw shall be done in a space large enough so a designated horsemen's rep may attend. If possible, the permit holder may make a video conferences available for the Draw.
- Licensing:

- OSRC and Permit Holder shall implement best practices to limit the number of individuals waiting in line for licensing and ensure safe social distancing practices can be followed.
- Racing office staff shall monitor the number of individuals in the racing office area and shall limit the number of individuals allowed in the racing office area if it becomes impossible to follow safe social distancing practices. No unnecessary people allowed.
- Officials and Racing Operations Personnel shall perform as many functions as possible via phone or electronic means.

### **ACCESS RESTRICTIONS**

To limit exposure and prevent the spread of germs and disease the following restrictions shall apply:

- No owners, guests, unlicensed personnel, or spectators shall access the barn area(s) or frontside area(s)
- No congregating in any barn or frontside areas;
- Official clockers and gap attendants to use their designated space(s) only;
- Only trainers and horsemen with horses stabled at the track or racing that day and others responsible for the care of the horses are allowed in the stable area;
- Horsemen shipping in for a workout or qualifiers will be allowed in the stable area;
- Track kitchen will remain open to serve onsite personnel only via carryout orders;
- Individuals under the age of 16 will be prohibited from entering the barn area(s) at any time.

### **CLEANING PROTOCOLS FOR BACKSIDE & TRACKSIDE OPERATIONS**

- Permit Holders will be responsible for cleaning and maintain restrooms during normal operations provided the permit holder staff is able to follow safe social distancing practices. Cleaning operations will include:
  - ❖ Trash removal
  - ❖ Cleaning of surfaces
  - ❖ Stocking liquid soap
- Horsemen, Trainers and their contractors/vendors/employees shall be responsible for cleaning frequently touched surfaces (e.g. faucets, door handles etc..) throughout the barn areas where they operate and they shall be responsible for making sanitizer available for their contractors, vendors, and employees in the barn areas where they operate.
- Officials and Racing Operations Personnel Offices shall be cleaned by the permit holder and additional disinfecting shall be performed by the permit holder as necessary.