

## 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.

## COVID-19 Racing Screening and Acknowledgement

(Trainers and their Assistants, Grooms, Hotwalkers, Exercise Riders, Jockeys, Drivers, Blacksmiths, Veterinarians, Outriders and Pony Persons)

Date	Licensee Name	OSRC License #	Entering/Shipping In (Yes or No)	Housed/Stabled on Site (Yes or No)

**List All Employees by Name, Below:** (please print)


To protect the health of employees, horsemen, racetrack employees and their families, as an Ohio business and Employer you must read, review, consent to, and agree to the conditions set out in this document. As a condition of racing you must follow all established Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines and Protocols for a Safe Return to Racing (attached). You must also truthfully and accurately respond to all COVID-19 risk-related questions, below.

**Yes No Anyone refusing to comply or answering yes to any of the questions that follow will be denied entry.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | • Have you had a fever of 100.4 or above in the last 72 hours?         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | • Have you taken medications to reduce a fever in the past four hours? |

**Do you currently have:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | • A new loss of taste or smell or a cough?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | • A sore throat? or difficulty breathing?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | • Shortness of breath?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | • Muscle aches or pains?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | • A headache?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | • Chills?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | • Repeated shaking with chills?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | • Abdominal discomfort?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | • Diarrhea?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | • In the past 24 hours have you vomited?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | • Have you been in contact with anyone in the past 24 hours who is experiencing any of the above symptoms? |

**Have you:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | • Been in contact with anyone in the past 14-days who has had COVID-19?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | • Been in contact with anyone in the past 14-days who has been experiencing any of the above, or other, symptoms for COVID-19?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | • Been with other persons in the past 14-days with, other than members currently residing in your household, where you were not able to practice social distancing guidelines (such as on a plane, at a public event, beach, park, etc.)? |

**Anyone refusing to comply or specific answers to questions that follow may result in being denied entry.**

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | • Have you been tested for COVID-19, by an approved FDA testing measure, and:<br>• (i) if so what result; and (ii) when did you receive the results of the test, (note, below)? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | • Have you received a fitness for duty certification from a health care provider, or similar medical documentation related to COVID-19?   |

By signing below, I certify that I have completed a daily symptom assessment in accordance with the applicable public health orders in effect, including taking temperatures with a thermometer or thermal screener (without use of fever-reducing medication). My signature below acknowledges compliance on the date(s) listed for myself and my employees listed.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Department  
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Mike DeWine, Governor  
Jon Husted, Lt. Governor

Amy Acton, M.D., MPH, Director

## URGENT HEALTH ADVISORY

### OHIOANS PROTECTING OHIOANS

**WHEREAS**, since the original Stay at Home and Stay Safe Ohio Department of Health orders, the circumstances in Ohio have evolved. The Department of Health orders have adapted to these rapidly changing circumstances, and current orders must reflect the status of where we are today; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohioans, through social distancing, have risen to the challenge, have avoided overwhelming our hospitals, and have flattened the curve; and

**WHEREAS**, because of this social distancing, Ohio's R-Number (which represents how many people an average person with a virus infects) is now 1 to 1. Early in the fight against this pandemic, this number was 1 to 2; and

**WHEREAS**, many of our fellow Ohioans representing various sectors have created best practices for businesses as they reopen. These best practices are now orders that specify the mandatory and recommended framework for business operations that protect employees and customers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Stay at Home Order always had exceptions, including such things as going to the grocery store or pharmacy; checking on elderly relatives; attending funerals, weddings, and church services; and participating in outdoor activities, to name a few; and

**WHEREAS**, each business sector that Ohio has reopened has created further exceptions to the original order, which have, in turn, created further opportunities to leave home; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 30, 2020, Ohio changed the name of the Stay at Home Order to the Stay Safe Ohio Order to signal that as Ohio's economy reopens, Ohioans must make individual decisions to stay safe; and

**WHEREAS**, in this new phase in our battle against the virus, and it is incumbent upon Ohioans to protect Ohioans; and

**WHEREAS**, accompanying our freedom to guide our own actions is an equal responsibility to each other to slow the spread of this deadly virus, prevent a new spike of cases upon the reopening of the economy, and save the lives of our neighbors and loved ones; and

**WHEREAS**, the coronavirus is still with us, it is still dangerous and deadly, and at no other time in our lives will our individual actions play a greater role in saving the lives of others, even complete strangers; and

**WHEREAS**, the coronavirus is becoming one of the leading causes of death in Ohio -- outstripping motor vehicle deaths in 2018 and soon 2018 deaths by suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, preliminary research indicates that as of May 19, 2020, more than 90,000 people in the U.S., including 1,657 Ohioans representing all 88 counties, have died with COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of hospital admissions and deaths are among adults ages 60 and older, but nearly half of reported COVID-19 cases in Ohio are among adults ages 30-59; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the common symptoms of COVID-19, the virus is believed to cause other effects such as the risk of stroke. COVID-19 is also suspected to be impacting the pediatric population, including children without underlying chronic disease, with atypical and at times devastating effects; and

**WHEREAS**, the risk to the health of all Ohioans remains high because no vaccine or cure is available currently, and the virus will continue to spread as businesses reopen and interactions increase; and

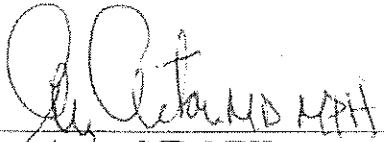
**WHEREAS**, although some restrictions can be loosened our individual obligation to each other matters now more than ever.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Amy Acton, MD, MPH, Director of the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), pursuant to the authority granted to me in R.C. 3701.14 to "investigate or make inquiry as to the cause of disease or illness, including contagious, infectious, epidemic, pandemic, or endemic conditions, and take prompt action to control and suppress it" issue the following "Ohioans Protecting Ohioans Urgent Health Advisory" that recommends that Ohioans continue to stay home as much as possible, but maintains mandates limiting large groups and requiring safe business conditions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the State of Ohio:

1. **Elderly people and those who are vulnerable as a result of illness should take additional precautions.** People at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19, including those who are elderly and those who are sick, are strongly urged (but not required) to stay in their residence to the extent possible except as necessary to seek medical care. According to the CDC, those at high-risk for severe illness from COVID-19 include people who are 65 years or older and people of all ages with underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled, including:
  - a. People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma;
  - b. People who have serious heart conditions;
  - c. People who are immune compromised;
  - d. People with severe obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 40 or higher);
  - e. People with diabetes;
  - f. People with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis; and
  - g. People with liver disease

The elderly and those with underlying health conditions are urged to avoid places where they are likely to be exposed to an increased number of people. When out in public, they should wear a mask unless not otherwise indicated. They should also practice good hand-washing hygiene.

2. **Other Ohioans.** All other Ohioans who are not considered high-risk are advised to take precautions to limit the spread of this disease and rely on their sense of personal responsibility and accountability to others when leaving home. Because individuals can carry the virus and spread it prior to or without showing symptoms, this Urgent Health Advisory recommends (but does not require) that Ohioans who are not considered high-risk stay at their place of residence when possible with the intent of lowering the rate of spread of COVID-19.



Amy Acton, MD, MPH  
Director of Health

May 20, 2020



**DIRECTOR'S ORDER**

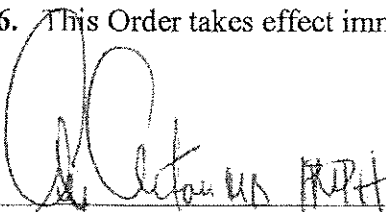
**Re: Director's Order that Rescinds and Modifies Portions of the Stay Safe Ohio Order**

I, Amy Acton, MD, MPH, Director of the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), pursuant to the authority granted to me in R.C. 3701.13 to "make special orders...for preventing the spread of contagious or infectious diseases" **Order** the following to prevent the spread of COVID-19 into the State of Ohio:

1. The sacrifices and incredible efforts that Ohioans have undertaken, make it possible to begin to lift the mandatory requirements and restrictions that were needed during the initial phase of the COVID-19 Pandemic.
2. Section 3 (Stay at home or place of residence) of the Director of Health Order signed April 30, 2020 that reopened businesses, with exceptions, and continues a stay healthy and safe at home order in the State is rescinded.
3. Section 5 (Prohibited and permitted travel) of the Director of Health Order signed April 30, 2020 that reopened businesses, with exceptions, and continues a stay healthy and safe at home order in the State is amended to read as follows:

Persons who have tested positive for COVID-19, are presumptively diagnosed with COVID-19, or are exhibiting the symptoms identified in the screening guidance available from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Ohio Department of Health, unless they have recovered, shall not enter the State, unless they are doing so under medical orders for the purposes of medical care, are being transported by Emergency Medical Services (EMS), are driving or being driven directly to a medical provider for purposes of initial care, or are a permanent resident of the State.

4. Section 15 (Travel) of the Director of Health Order signed April 30, 2020 that reopened businesses, with exceptions, and continues a stay healthy and safe at home order in the State is rescinded.
5. The Director of Health Order signed April 30, 2020 that reopened businesses, with exceptions, and continues a stay healthy and safe at home order remains in effect. The purpose of today's Order is to amend or modify portions of the Stay Safe Ohio Order.
6. This Order takes effect immediately.

  
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Amy Acton, MD, MPH  
Director of Health

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May 20, 2020