# COVID-19 BIOSECURITY PROTOCOL
Equestrian Establishments

## STABLE OWNER AND EMPLOYEES
- Respect social distancing measures during work periods
  - Limit the number of people present for each work period
  - Establish a schedule that ensures different work teams will not meet
  - Identify a team of people for replacements
- Insist on frequent hand washing, between each horse, when changing rooms, when arriving and leaving the facility
- When a health professional or a farrier is expected at the barn, prepare the horse by putting on its halter while avoiding that your hands come into contact with the body of the horse.
- Apply respiratory etiquette (cough and sneeze into your elbow)
- Schedule frequent washing and disinfection of surfaces, especially those that are touched often.
- Inform your employees and volunteers that they must watch out for COVID-19 symptoms. If they present any symptoms, they must not show up to work.

## CLEANING AND DISINFECTION
- The virus can easily be deactivated with soap or disinfectant.
- Wash or brush surfaces to remove all organic matter before disinfecting them.

### RECOMMENDED PRODUCTS
- Alcohol-based solution containing at least 60% of alcohol
- Bleach-based solution (1 part bleach in 9 parts water)
- Over the counter cleaning products containing hydrogen peroxide

*Please read and apply the product manufacturer’s recommendations for use.*

## ANIMALS AT THE STABLE
- As of today, there is no evidence of animal to human transmission of COVID-19.
- Animals exposed to the virus by a carrier can, in theory, be a vector for transmission in a transitional manner.

## CLIENTS PRESENT AT THE STABLE BY APPOINTMENT
- Avoid making stops on the commute from your residence to the stable and from the stable back to your residence.
- Insist on frequent hand washing, between each horse, when changing rooms, when arriving and leaving the facility.
- The virus’ risk of transmission is limited by the application of basic hygiene measures:
  - Avoid touching a horse without first washing your hands.
  - Wash your hands after manipulating a horse.
  - Avoid touching other animals (horses, cats, etc.).
- Use only your personal equipment, and only for your horse(s).
- Thoroughly wash your personal grooming equipment before and after using it if it has been used or will be used by stable employees. If you deem it necessary or if you are asked, bring the required material (halter, leadchain, broom, alcohol-based vaporising spray, etc.).
- Respect your engagement with the stable manager by respecting the schedule and space assigned to you as well as the planned activity and be careful.
- You must consult and obtain permission from the stable owner when using the services of a priority service provider such as a farrier or a veterinarian doctor for your horse(s).
- Remember to:
  - Not use gloves; hand washing is more effective. If you do not have access to a sanitary station, a disinfectant may be used.
  - Not touch your face (be especially mindful if you wear glasses or a hat).
  - Not smoke without first washing your hands and do so only outside the barn.
  - Use your cell phone for emergencies only and preferably outside the barn. This is not the right time to take videos or message friends.
  - Do not bring your dog with you to the stable.

## SERVICE PROVIDER PRESENT AT THE STABLE
### VETERINARY DOCTOR, FARRIER, DELIVERY PERSON
- Only priority services are allowed and only by appointment. Make sure to limit the number of service providers by time slot.
- In doubt, do not give access to a service provider.
- Choose a work space for the service provider; ideally this space is close to the door, clean and well lit.
- Open gates and doors in advance if weather permits it and bring the horse(s) that will be receiving the service close to the space.
- Minimize the number of people present at the stable while the service provider is present.
- Respect social distancing measures (2m) with the service provider.
- The horse should already be wearing the halter – its lead chain must hang close to the box door if the service provider needs to manipulate the horse.
- The service provider must have access to a sanitary station or an alcohol-based solution for hand-washing upon arrival, between each horse and before leaving the stable.
- Avoid sharing material with the service provider and favor the exchange of digital documents.

### Before:
- Open gates and doors in advance if weather permits it and bring the horse(s) that will be receiving the service close to the space.
- The service provider must have access to a sanitary station or an alcohol-based solution for hand-washing upon arrival, between each horse and before leaving the stable.
- Avoid sharing material with the service provider and favor the exchange of digital documents.

### During:
- Minimize the number of people present at the stable while the service provider is present.
- Respect social distancing measures (2m) with the service provider.
- The horse should already be wearing the halter – its lead chain must hang close to the box door if the service provider needs to manipulate the horse.
- The service provider must have access to a sanitary station or an alcohol-based solution for hand-washing upon arrival, between each horse and before leaving the stable.
- Avoid sharing material with the service provider and favor the exchange of digital documents.

### After:
- Clean and disinfect the work space as well as all surfaces that may have been touched by the service provider.

*Wash your hands frequently, respect social distancing measures (2m) and respect instructions.*