



BLUE SHADOWS MOUNTED DRILL TEAM

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS/GUIDELINES

Blue Shadows Mounted Drill Team is excited to get back to riding however the COVID-19 pandemic requires us to modify some of our operating procedures. To help protect our members, their families and volunteers, we have put together this set of protocols that accommodate the current best health and safety practices as well as the requirements and considerations of the state, city, county and local authorities, our insurance and our riding facility. Thank you all for your cooperation and agreement to follow these protocols so that we stand the best chance of safely continuing to operate, having fun and growing as riders and leaders!!!

1. **SOCIAL DISTANCING** – Will be enforced at all times while on the grounds of HDHP or at any other approved Blue Shadows functions. This means staying **at least 6 feet away** from all individuals not part of a person's immediate household. Falling in, mounting, and drilling will be modified to accommodate this. No hugging, handshakes, close huddles, etc.
2. **MASKS** – **Face masks must be worn at all times** on the grounds of HDHP and when participating in any Blue Shadows practice or other function and must fully cover the nose and mouth while being worn. Cloth face coverings should fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face, be secured with ties or ear loops, include multiple layers of fabric, allow for breathing without restriction and be able to be cleaned thoroughly or disposed of after each use.
3. **SPECTATORS** – There will be **no spectators** or non-members interacting in close proximity to other members. Parents, siblings and any other guests will be asked to remain in or immediately next to their **own vehicles** during troop times and must not congregate.
4. **GROOMING/SADDLING** – All grooming and saddling will be done by Scott and his workers to minimize the number of people handling tack and grooming tools and reduce the need to constantly sanitize equipment.
5. **HEALTH CHECKS** – All members will have a temperature check upon arrival each night and be asked if they have tested positive for COVID-19, been recently exposed to anyone with COVID-19 or have been experiencing any symptoms such as fever, cough, shortness of breath and/or difficulty breathing, sore throat, muscle pain, headache or new loss of taste or smell before they will be allowed to ride. Anyone with a temperature of or above **100.4°F** or who answers "yes" to any of those questions will not be allowed to stay or ride.
6. **CLEANING/SANITIZING** – All members should practice thorough hand washing whenever possible and use of hand sanitizer when checking in and any other time it is necessary.
7. **DRINKS / SNACKS** – There will be **no snack time** after troop; No sharing of water bottles, drinks, snacks, etc.
8. **RELEASE & EXPOSURE NOTIFICATION** – **Parents/guardians and adult volunteers and associated workers will be provided with this protocol and a COVID-19-specific release acknowledging that they understand the risk of contracting COVID-19 and agreeing to hold Blue Shadows harmless** from any claim that a member has contracted the virus during a troop night or activity, including a clause emphasizing that they **WILL NOT ATTEND OR HAVE THEIR CHILD ATTEND if they have any symptoms or have been in contact with anyone who currently has or recently has had COVID-19**. This release will also require any person who suspects they have COVID-19 or tests positive for COVID-19 to **immediately notify** the Troop Commander or another Regimental Officer so that steps can be taken to inform other members that they may have been exposed.