

# TAILWIND EQUESTRIAN

## COVID-19 RETURN TO BUSINESS OPERATIONS

This document is designed as a framework for Tailwind Equestrian to return to business operations. This plan is based on protocols provided by provincial and federal health organizations as well as Equine Canada, Capris Insurance and The Alberta Equestrian Federation. To return to business, Tailwind Equestrian **must** satisfy the plan and protocols issued in this document. Strict adherence to this plan and protocols is required to attend Tailwind Equestrian for any reason including but not limited to, riding lessons, boarder visits, school horse visits and / or staff / employees. This is phase one of the Tailwind Equestrian Return to Business Operations Plan. Protocols and restrictions will be amended based on recommendations of provincial and federal health organizations as well as Equine Canada, Capri Insurance and The Alberta Equestrian Federation.

### General Farm Operations

1. All persons must wash or disinfect their hands at the welcome stations just inside the arena or use their own hand sanitizer upon arrival at Tailwind Equestrian.
2. **While the arena is open the barn is closed to all clients.** The washroom remains open. Details of facility use follow in this document.
3. The kitchen area in the barn is designated as a staff only area at this time. Do not congregate there or use the sink, dishes, cups, or glasses in the kitchen.
4. Maintain physical distance of two meters at all times while on the property.
5. Minimize additional personnel onsite. Please no additional spectators or visitors. Only the rider / visitor and adult supervision when necessary may attend at designated time. **Please note that during free rides, boarders must have one family member present in the area at all times to ensure safety.**
6. External companion animals are not allowed on the property. Please **do not** bring your dog to the barn.
7. Please be aware that horses, tack, equipment and clothing can be vectors for COVID-19.
8. Limit physical contact with horses. Please **do not** pat, touch, or feed any horse other than the horse you are designated to visit / ride.
9. Clean washrooms frequently. There is disinfectant spray in the bathroom. Please lightly spray the areas that you have touched before leaving, and allow spray to air dry. i.e. light switch, taps, door handles, toilet and toilet handle. Staff will clean bathroom thoroughly twice daily. The washroom remains open to all clients. Please minimize its use by using the facilities in your home before coming to the barn.
10. Staff will wipe down all school tack between school horse lessons.
11. Staff will spray school horse tack up areas between use.
12. Staff will disinfect commonly touched sites multiple times daily. Sites include:
  - Doorknobs including bathrooms, horse stalls, tack rooms, hoses etc.
  - Light switches
  - Wash rack handles / sprayers
  - Pitch forks, brooms, shovel handles, wheelbarrows.
  - Tie straps, and school horse grooming equipment.

13. **If you or anyone you have been in contact with is not feeling well you MUST stay away from Tailwind Equestrian for 14 days from exposure or from your first symptom free day.**
14. **No person, staff, client, or parent or anyone in their household that has had contact of any kind with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 may attend Tailwind Equestrian for any reason. Please stay away for 14 symptom free days.**
15. No person, staff, client, or parent who has traveled outside of Canada or who has a member of their household that has traveled outside of Canada may attend Tailwind Equestrian for any reason until after the government mandated 14 day quarantine is completed.
16. Alberta Equestrian Federation memberships MUST be current at this time to book lessons at Tailwind Equestrian.

## **Boarders**

1. To limit the number of people at the facility at one time and allow for appropriate physical distancing, all boarder visits at Tailwind Equestrian must be scheduled. Please arrive and depart at your designated time. Only come to the barn during your scheduled time
2. During scheduled free rides boarders may ride their horses on the flat only. Absolutely no jumping unless in a scheduled lesson with a Tailwind Equestrian coach.
3. Safe, temporary spaces have been designated for each boarder to interact with their horse. This policy avoids the need to enter spaces with multiple common surfaces such as barn aisles and cross ties. Please use your designated grooming area only. Designated grooming areas will be published with lesson schedules.
4. Please keep your tack and equipment including but not limited to saddles, bridles, saddle pads, blankets, sheets, coolers and grooming equipment in your designated space or take it home. Designated equipment storage will be published with lesson schedules.
5. Please use disinfectant spray on common surfaces after use.
6. All visits and rides must be scheduled, including lessons and free rides.
7. Tailwind Equestrian is closed at 8:30pm. All clients and visitors must be off property by this time.
8. The wash bay is closed to boarders and clients at this time. Please speak to Donna for individual circumstances that may require the wash bay.
9. Please park in the area designated based on your horse location. If your horse lives in the east end of the lean (closest to the barn) Please park in the east parking lot (closest to the barn). If your horse lives in the west end of the lean (closest to the hay storage) please park at the west end of the arena.

## **Lessons**

1. Arrive at your appointed arrival time and depart by your appointed departure time. Published lesson times will now be arrival and departure times. These times will allow for tack up and grooming time.

2. Maintain appropriate physical distancing when unmounted as well as when mounted.
3. Use your designated grooming space only. Grooming spaces will be designated and published with the lesson schedule.
4. For school horse lessons, if you are using your own brushes, saddle pads or other equipment, please take them home and bring them to each lesson.
5. For school horse lessons please park in the east parking lot, the regular parking lot close to the barn.

### **Ship-In Lessons**

1. Please read this entire document to familiarize yourself with Tailwind Equestrian COVID-19 protocols.
2. Please park at the west end of the arena.
3. Arrive at your appointed arrival time and depart at your appointed departure time. Published lesson times will now be arrival and departure times. These times will allow for tack up and grooming time as well as warm up and cool down.
4. Minimize the number of people coming with the horse, preferably just the rider and one other.
5. Use your designated grooming space only. Grooming spaces will be designated and published with the lesson schedule.

This framework is set up as phase one of Tailwind Equestrian's return to business operations. It is important that all who attend Tailwind Equestrian for any reason read and understand this plan and protocols. Please indicate that you have read this document by clicking the link below. Please indicate if you are ready to start lessons at Tailwind Equestrian again. ***If I do not receive confirmation of interest in lessons, I will not schedule you.***

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I am presently developing a schedule for lessons as well as boarder visits. I will do my best to accommodate everyone's schedule however with the Alberta government's limit of 15 people per gathering the schedule will present some challenges no doubt.

I am excited to get back to coaching and look forward to seeing everyone again. I hope to schedule lessons as early as May 14<sup>th</sup>. Please reply promptly to ensure you will be included on the schedule.

Kindest Regards and Good Health,  
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