

**EQUEST FARM, LLC
741 TOPAZ STREET
NEW ORLEANS, LA. 70124**

We have recently opened up our facility to the public again and are very excited to return to some sense of normalcy. It has been encouraging to see that the rules of riding work well with our new guidelines for COVID-19 social distancing. Staying 10 feet away is the norm when riding, so we need to do the same on the ground. Because the health and safety of our staff and riders is our highest priority, we have been working on a set of guidelines as we begin to open up to riding school lessons that will keep us healthy by maintaining recommended social distancing measures.

1. **Only one adult to accompany a child who is riding in a lesson.** That **adult will wear a mask** on the property. Each child must have their own equipment: helmet, boots and gloves. There will be no sharing of equipment. (For those of you who need equipment, let us know. We are stocking up on helmets, boots and gloves.) Children are not required to wear masks while riding or otherwise at this time.
2. **There will be no congregating in the barns while getting tacked up.** For those who tack by themselves, no guests. For those who don't tack their own horses, the horse will be ready in his or her stall fully tacked. Staff will help students lead their horses to the ring. Parents will stay outside, maintaining space to view their child's lesson.
3. There are plenty of places to view your student riding. You can bring your own chair or stand to view as long as **you are 10 feet away from the next spectator.**
4. **We will have hand sanitizing stations around the barns as well as bacterial soap** in the bathrooms. The barns are sanitized each day with a light Clorox spray on handles and doors. This has kept us healthy for the last 2 months so as we add more people, we want to have the same success.
5. **When paying for lessons:** Your check should be mailed to **741 Topaz St., 70124** or call the office **(504-483-9398)** with your credit card info. Payment should include all your lessons for the month, whether they are paid for individually or as a package. Some of you have credits from March and can use them in May when we reopen. We do not want any congregation in the office.

The barn opens **Saturday, May 16** to riding school lessons, and we will be running camp this Summer starting **June 1**. We will be texting you to confirm your lessons and taking camp sign ups until all spots are filled. Due to having leased some of our horses, we begin with riders who ride the horses we have. Please call us at **504-483-9398**, to schedule.

We ask that our customers adhere to these guidelines and take them seriously. The health and safety of our staff members, riders, and their families is our highest priority. Our intention is to maintain a healthy status for everyone while we are reunited. Thus, we hope that opening Equest Farms will provide a way to engage in outside, enjoyable activities while following social distancing guidelines.

Welcome back and we are looking forward to Equest being back in business. We hope to see you all soon! Stay safe!