

COVID-19 Social Distancing Requirements

It is AKK's desire to do everything possible to follow state and local recommendations while providing a fun and safe riding experience for everyone during this unprecedented time.

You must stay home if...

- ...you have traveled from outside of the United States within the past 14 days
- ...you have been tested and are positive for COVID-19.
- ...you have been tested for COVID-19 but have not yet received results.
- ...you, or anyone in your household, are experiencing any symptoms associated with COVID-19.
- ...you have been in close contact with someone who is suspected of being infected, or confirmed to have been infected, with COVID-19.

Below are tips for keeping yourself safe while hitting the trails and getting fresh air and exercise for you and your horses:

- 1. Avoid trailering together in the same vehicle with others outside of your household; drive separate rigs instead.
- 2. **Park with extra distance between rigs**; be sure you can comfortably maintain a 6- to 10-foot personal distance between others.
- 3. **Avoid tying horses next to each other:** Tie horses, outside of the same household, at least 6 feet apart during breaks.
- 4. Only take easy-to-load horses unless someone from your own household will be with you and can help.
- 5. **Don't handle horses being used by people outside your household**. The same goes for tack—no sharing or handling other's bridles, saddles, grooming supplies, etc.
- 6. **Maintain at least 6 feet between riders** (a recommended safety practice among riders even in "normal" times.).
- 7. Remember to maintain at least 6 feet of distance when passing a hiker, mountain biker, or another equestrian on the trail. This might require that someone moves 6 to 10 feet off the trail to allow the other to pass.
- 8. Now might be the time to **wear that bandana you usually save for dusty rides or to wear a mask.** It is important to remember that wearing a mask is not protective for the wearer but, rather, designed to contain spread from the wearer.
- 9. **Bring hand sanitizer and use it**, especially if you're handling and eating food or using a public restroom. Wash your hands thoroughly when you return to camp.
- 10. After addressing any concerns, if you're still in doubt, stay safe and ride another day. Safety should always your primary consideration when riding. Avoid taking risks that might burden the health care system at a time when it's dealing with the current COVID-19 crisis—which includes maintaining medical protective supplies.