Health Guidelines

The Empire State Quarter Horse Association and the Chemung County Fair Grounds have put preventive measures in place due to the spread of Covid-19, however attending an event could increase your risk of contracting COVID-19. By entering the facility, you voluntarily assume all risk and agree that you will not hold the Empire State Quarter Horse Association, the Chemung County Fair Grounds, City of Horseheads, and any/all associates liable for any resulting illness or injury.

Stay at home:

- If you are sick, or have been sick in the past 2 weeks, experiencing symptoms of illness, including fever, cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste, etc.
- If you have been in contact with someone who has experienced these symptoms in the past 2 weeks.
- If you have tested positive, or been around someone who has tested positive, for COVID-19.
- If you have pre-existing health conditions or if you fall into the high-risk category for COVID-19.

The health and safety of our exhibitors is priority!

We have put the following guidelines in place in accordance with CDC recommendations and other organizations. Visit the CDC’s website for the latest COVID-10 information and best prevention protocols. www.cdc.gov/COVID19

Your cooperation in following ALL guidelines will give everyone the opportunity to keep going to horse shows!

What We Expect from YOU

- All must comply with all applicable federal, state and local regulations, requirements and orders as they relate to mass gatherings and sporting events.
- Always maintain at least 6 feet between each other while on the property. This includes barns, arenas, interaction with staff and others, etc.
- Always maintain at least 6 feet between each other while on a horse. This includes warmup arenas, show arenas, barns, etc.
- Do not congregate in areas such as barns, ringside, show office, bleachers, restrooms, or other areas.
- No gatherings are allowed on the property.
- No spectators are allowed. Exhibitors are encouraged to come alone.
Exhibitors and all others on the property for the sole purpose of attending a ESQHA show must sign a Release of Liability form.

Only ESQHA and Sizzler staff are allowed to access the announcer's stand/table.

Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when possible.

The ESQHA strongly encourages guests wear face coverings in areas that can have a high concentration of people, such as barn areas, arena complex, vendor areas, spectator areas, concession areas, show offices, registration areas, and in any indoor or covered buildings. Face coverings do not have to be worn when mounted on a horse.

Frequently wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue and dispose of properly.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using regular household cleaning spray or wipes.

Practice good personal hygiene habits.

Avoid using cash when possible for payment. Bring a credit/debit card instead or use mobile forms of payment.

You must notify show management if you become ill or develop a fever at the event.

You agree to notify us via email if you become ill within 14 days after leaving the event.

What You Can Expect from Us

- Establish social distancing configurations in the show office and throughout the grounds (see below for Office and Registration Guidelines).
- Utilize online registration forms (see below for Office and Registration Guidelines).
- Designate proper entrances and exit points when possible.
- Arena entrances and exits may be separate. Listen to the announcer and ring steward for instructions.
- Most classes will be held outside in open-air arenas.
- Provide additional spacing in vendor areas.
- We ask vendors to only allow 2 people inside vending trailers at one time.
- Provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to staff, volunteers and other team members.
- Strongly encourage guests and participants to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in areas that can have a high concentration of people, such as barn areas, arena complex, vendor areas, spectator areas, concession areas, show offices, registration areas, and in any indoor or covered buildings. Face coverings do not have to be worn when mounted on a horse.
- Provide additional wash stations or hand sanitizing stations within areas of your layout when possible.
- Include additional waiver information on show entry forms, show bills and/or show forms.
- Require a signed Release of Liability.
- Encourage show/event staff, volunteers, etc. to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Require judges, ring stewards, staff, etc. to complete a form answering questions about their health/symptoms prior to starting a shift.
- Require judges, ring stewards, staff, etc. to have temperatures checked each morning.
What You Can Expect from the Facility:

- The Chemung County Fair Grounds will comply with all applicable federal, state and local regulations, requirements and orders as they relate to mass gatherings and sporting events, including the latest Governor's Executive Order for the State of New York.
- Increased cleaning frequency with special attention to high-touch areas.
- Temperature checks, along with daily health checks, will be conducted daily prior to the beginning of work shifts.
- Employees will stay at home if sick.
- Employees are supplied with and required to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- Employees will maintain good hygiene, including washing hands frequently.
- Practicing social distancing guidelines.
- Team members will not enter areas in which a large number of people are congregated on the property.
- Keeping restroom doors open wherever possible to reduce contact.
- Public restrooms will be closed during cleaning of restrooms.
- Signage will be placed around the facility reminder exhibitors of social distancing.

Office and Registration:

- Exhibitors are encouraged to pre-register and complete all paperwork listed on ESQHA Website.
- If you're unable to mail any of the registration forms, we ask that you print out registration forms (tabsheets), credit card forms, etc. prior to arriving and complete these before bringing them to the show office.
- Only one person per staff member will be allowed at each window to the show office at a time.
- The doors to the show office will be locked, exhibitor access will be through a sliding windows.
- If someone is there before you, please wait at least 6 foot behind that person.
- Show office personnel will have a protective window separating them from exhibitors.
- There will be a table outside the show office with paperwork. Only one person is allowed at the table at a time.
- We encourage you to bring your own pen if you need to complete paperwork.
- If you use a pen from the table, please dispose of it after you use it.
- Hand sanitizer will be used between each exhibitor and available for your use while interacting with staff.
- Draws will be posted outside the horseshow office and at other appropriate locations. Do not crowd the gate person or announcer for this.
- Judges and scribes are encouraged to bring their own clipboards, pens, and pencils.
- Judges will be given the option to request that their scribe wear a face covering.