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## **RIDING LESSON PROTOCOL - EFFECTIVE MAY 19, 2020**

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**Please note: The following protocol has been developed to comply with government regulations for non-team sports, follow social distancing standards, and operate under Equine Canada guidelines. Changes to the protocol will be announced as regulations alter or restrictions are lifted.**

- Social distancing measures are to be used by staff, riders, and essential family present while at Winterfell Stables
- No more than 5 people may gather for the lesson (Ex. Instructor, child 1 + parent, child 2 + parent)
- Stable access is not permitted unless instructed by staff
- Riders and guardians are expected to wash their hands prior to coming to the farm, and are to use hand sanitizer provided when they arrive and as they leave
- Staff will retrieve the necessary tack and brushes from the barn, and riders will tack-up and untack at the outdoor hitching rings
- Riders will use the designated muck-bucket and pitchfork by the hitching ring to keep their tacking area tidy
- Parents of young riders who require assistance tacking up will be guided to help as needed to allow social distancing between students and instructors
- Parents must wear closed-toe shoes in order to work closely to the horses
- Parents are asked to bring their own lawn chair to use as they watch their child's lesson, or to watch from their vehicle
- Lessons will be booked with 15 minute gaps in between to allow staff to wipe down school tack and brushes
- Our 24-hour cancellation policy will remain in effect, and is extremely important to the viability of our lesson program

**Please contact Hilary if you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, or have had contact with anyone experiencing symptoms or who have tested positive for COVID-19.**

**Thank you for doing your part in keep Winterfell Stables a safe place to be.**

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