

Dear Parents and Riders,

As we continue to adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic and the evolving best practices that continue to emerge, please familiarize yourselves with our most recent protocols.

1. **Lessons will be 55 minutes each and will include instruction on handling, grooming, and tacking up their horse.** Staff will meet clients near the gate to our yard and assist them to catch, groom, and tack up all horses in the first 15-20 minutes of each booking. This will be followed by assistance to mount up and a quick safety check before clients move out to the arena. Lessons will conclude with assistance to dismount upon returning to our yard at 5 minutes to the hour. We encourage all clients to assist their instructor to untack their horse and tidy up their equipment.
2. Riders are welcome to use **their own helmet** – a bike helmet, boarding helmet, or similar will do for now. This is a shift from our usual recommendation of a helmet designed for mounted equine activities given the greater risks presented by sharing a limited supply of loaner equipment.
3. **For those who have no helmets available** to them, our loaner helmets are still available and will be cleaned after every use which may present some delays in our schedule when this occurs.
4. **Physical distancing of 2m or 6ft will of course be in effect** while on the property. As a reference for our staff and clients that's similar to the length of 2 or our 'tails' or carrot sticks.
5. **Reins will be changed with each ride.** We have purchased rope and fashioned new reins expressly for this purpose. They will be dipped in disinfectant and dried after each rider.
6. **Saddles will also be cleaned after each use.** Fortunately saddle soap and happy birthday is just as effective on cow hide as hand soap and 20 seconds is on our hide.
7. **Anyone may be sick or has a fever is asked to pause their sessions for at least one week.** There will be no charge for any missed sessions related to this protocol.

**Please note:**

- Hand sanitizer is available near the mounting block during our regular schedule
- We now have an outhouse available for our clients – It's rustic but cleaned regularly.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to connect with us. Looking forward to joining up with you all again shortly!

Happy Trails,

Leann Manuel.