

## Bonnie Lea Farm - New 2020 Protocol

Everyone knows these are unprecedented times. We are all learning as we are going. At the farm we already had some protocols in place but with new state mandates and phased reopening of Western MA, we have expanded the protocol to include the following. Please keep in mind that these guidelines may have to change as we move forward through the summer.

1. All people arriving and departing must use the **mandated, electronic guest book** available through the QR codes available at gate and barn entrances. Use your phone to open link to the log.
2. Anyone that is **sick** should **stay home**. Anyone confirmed to have COVID-19 or a household member with COVID-19 should inform Lisa immediately so state mandated protocols can be followed.
3. Riders must come wearing **masks and gloves**. While riding gloves or work gloves may not keep germs from our skin, it helps to keep us from touching our faces. Hand washing and sanitizing will still be necessary and part of everyone's routine. Masks may be removed while riding in outdoor ring but should be kept in pocket to put on upon dismounting.
4. Riders will **remain at least 6 feet** from other people at the farm, both in the barns and outside the barns. Riders that cannot maintain a safe distance from others will be asked to leave until further notice, no refunds will be available.
5. **Wash hands** frequently. The main barn has a bathroom with sink and hand soap. Hand sanitizer will be available in all of the barns. Riders are encouraged to carry their own personal hand sanitizer. Use sanitizer or wash hands upon arrival and frequently during visit.
6. Latches, doorknobs, tools and bathroom fixtures will be disinfected multiple times a day. The chore chart will be updated to include daily disinfectant times by staff. Help is encouraged. Everyone should disinfect what she/he has touched after use. **All tack must be wiped down with leather soap** after every use. Tack may be cleaned outside or in area with safe distancing.
7. Only one person at a time will be allowed in a tack room. Do not congregate, especially near grain bin in main barn and other tight areas.
8. Horses will be groomed and tacked up in the stall or outside, **NOT** in aisles on crossties.
9. Riders will bring their tools, helmets and gear with them each day. **Tack trunks** belonging to lesson or lease riders should be **taken home** until further notice. Backpacks or string bags are plenty big enough for grooming tools.
10. Each rider will **only** use her or his own grooming tools. If the rider does not have any, she/he will be assigned a set while at the farm. Any assigned sets will be sprayed with a disinfectant prior to assignment. The rider is responsible for bringing equipment daily.
11. **Helmets** will not be shared. Ideally, riders will arrive with helmets and boots. If a rider needs to borrow a helmet or boots from the swap shed, it will be disinfected before use and should be arranged before lesson. BLF equipment will be the responsibility of the rider for the time at the farm, will be taken home daily and returned to before final departure. For equipment, contact Dover Saddlery, Latham NY [(518) 690-9461] or Whitman's Feed, North Bennington VT [(802) 442-2851].
12. Anyone **bringing food or drink** from home will **carry in and carry out** so we can avoid having excess touching of garbage can lids and trash floating about the yards for others to touch.
13. Because of the need to **limit the number of people at the farm at one time**, those who own or lease will have very specific times to be at the farm. It is important that everyone sticks to the schedule to ensure safety and accessibility for everyone.
14. **THOSE UNABLE TO FOLLOW PROTOCOL MAY BE SENT HOME WITHOUT REFUNDS.**

# Maintaining a Healthy Barn – 2020 Protocol

**Bonnie Lea Farm** is a sanctuary for all of us and a shared space that we treasure. In order to keep our community healthy and to be able to be open without risking one exposure to the Coronavirus, (which could give rise to quarantine for many of us or full barn closure), it is especially important to be mindful of the guidelines and state mandates to reduce the risk. We want everyone in the barn and local community to remain healthy.

Coronavirus is transmitted via droplets of saliva and mucus from person to person. It is also contagious via contact with infected surfaces that contain such droplets. The virus can live on surfaces for 2-3 days. Hence, social distancing between people and careful care of shared items and “high-touch” zones are important to reduce community spread of the coronavirus.

## **RIDERS UNABLE TO FOLLOW PROTOCOL MAY BE SENT HOME WITHOUT REFUNDS.**

### **Sign in and out:**

Use the QR Code available at the gate to access our **state mandated, electronic guest book** [EVERYTIME you arrive and depart.](#)

### **Stay home if you are sick.**

But keep in mind that the Coronavirus is contagious before people realize they have it. Hence, it is wise to assume anyone at any time could have the virus.

### **Practice good hygiene:**

- Wear a mask
- Wear gloves (this helps remind you not to touch your face!)
- Wash your hands upon arrival and frequently while at the farm. Dry with paper towel. Dispose properly in trash can so no one else has to touch it. Alternative – use hand sanitizer with and without gloves on.
- Avoid touching your face
- Don't share food, water bottles or drinks and bring your drink and food containers home for disposal.
- Cough in the crook of your arm
- If you use a tissue throw it out and wash your hands
- Clean up after yourself. Carry in/carry out your food trash and all personal items.

### **Be mindful of High-Touch items including:**

- Pitchforks and brooms
- Water buckets and Food buckets
- Grain bins, scoops,
- Door handles
- Muck buckets and wheelbarrows
- Switches and faucets

Tip: Do your tasks involving high- touch items in one fell swoop when possible and then go wash your hands.

**Cell Phones are personal high-touch items.** Please do not share your phone and avoid hovering to look at each other's phones. It is wise to put your phone away and leave it there until you are leaving the barn. You may want to cover your phone in a sealable sandwich bag to protect it.

### **Practice Social Distancing:**

When approaching someone else at the farm (no matter how happy you are to see them) keep a minimum distance of 6 feet. Avoid gathering. Only one person allowed in a tack room at a time.

### **Tack and tacking up:**

- Tack trunks for lesson and lease riders are to be taken home until further notice.
- Personal grooming tools and helmets should be brought in from home daily. String bags/backpacks should be a sufficient size for grooming tools and one for helmet.
- Wash your hands before and after you use any shared barn items.
- Don't share saddle pads or handle anyone else's tack without letting them know.
- Avoid crowding in aisles. Groom and tack up in a stall or outside. Stalls create a natural barrier between people while still allowing us to talk to each other. Let's use them wisely.
- Wash your hands before and after you handle shared tack, whips or crops.
- Clean tack after riding or handling.
- Do use outside as much as possible. Do keep in mind that Coronavirus can spread outdoors also and maintain a distance of at least 6 feet apart.