

# RED HORSE RANCH

## --- COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS ---

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*If the growing COVID-19 situation has you stressed, thank your lucky stars that you have horses in your life. The great outdoors – and more specifically, the barn – is a good place to be right now. And from the back of a horse, you can outrun most all of your anxieties.*

*But we can't forget that we are living through a pandemic, and we do need to take precautionary measures even while we enjoy our horses. We've compiled some preventive tips here to keep everyone safer, courtesy of LMBEquestrian, Event Clinics, the British Horse Society and the American Association of Equine Practitioners.*

**Effective immediately and in addition to the President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America, the following precautions are to be taken by all boarders, leasers, Trainers and students at Red Horse Ranch.**

- Do not share your supplies or tack with others.
- Disinfect your belongings before and after each use, including the tops of your feed containers.
- Sanitize your hands frequently. You will find hand sanitizer and/or sanitizing wipes in the feed room as well as all tack rooms. As you know it is difficult to find hand sanitizer, we would greatly appreciate you bringing your own.
- Wear your riding gloves at all times. This practice will help to keep you and others from possible contamination especially when touching communal items (i.e. forks, feed bowls, hoses etc.).
- Feed bowls will now be located in the temporary pen. In the temporary pen you will find 2 large buckets. The first bucket will contain a solution of dish soap and water and the second a solution of bleach and water. Before and after using a feed bowl please submerge the bowl first into the bucket with soap and secondly into the bucket with the bleach solution. A third bucket with plain water will also be used for rinsing. These buckets will be cleaned daily..
- Keep a minimum space barrier of 6 feet between yourself and others at all times. Unfortunately, this means all casual chats, grooming of your horse and rides with friends must be at a distance.
- Dave and Lisa will be sanitizing all communal items in the A.M and P.M.

Aside from the precautions stated above, and until further notice, continue to ride, take your lessons, enjoy your horse as usual... and most importantly stay healthy and safe.