



COVID-19 ACTION PLAN

If you are sick, have a fever or have been exposed to COVID-19, PLEASE STAY HOME!

**You are REQUIRED to wear a mask everywhere on the facility
AT ALL TIMES except when mounted!**

REMEMBER Social Distancing and stay 6' apart everywhere on the facility!

Wash your hands with soap and hot water, often!

Poplar Place is closed to spectators during the COVID response. Only essential personnel and competitors permitted.

Poplar Place Farm recognizes the huge responsibility that comes with hosting equestrian competitions. We take this responsibility very seriously and are working to ensure that our staff, officials and you, our customers, can be managed safely and successfully. We appreciate everyone's full cooperation so we can keep our sport open and safe.

THANK YOU in advance for abiding by these guidelines while visiting Poplar Place Farm and for your ongoing support of equestrian at Poplar Place and around the country.

RIDER, OWNER, TRAINER ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL PROTOCOLS

Exposure If you, or someone in your barn has **tested positive for COVID-19**, then anyone from that barn wanting to participate at a Poplar Place Farm show must show proof of his/her negative COVID-19 test PRIOR to being allowed access to the venue.

If you have been **exposed to COVID-19** or believe you may have been exposed, we are asking you voluntarily be test for COVID-19.

Essential personnel is limited to competitors, trainers, grooms, braiders, and 2 immediate family members and/or staff. All essential personnel MUST sign all 3 liability waivers, have their temperatures taken daily and receive daily wristbands.

Stabling assignments will be posted online and outside of the show office so you can locate your stall in an effort to not having to ask for assistance to find your way.

The Show Office will be located outside and in front of the Show Office building to offer an 'open air' office under the port-a-co. The Show Office will have a box of completed entry packets on a separate table with hand sanitiser on the table. We ask that you limit your contact with our horse show office staff by designating 1 representative for your barn or group to interact with staff.

The Event Program will be a digital document found on our website at www.PoplarPlaceFarm.com. This event program document will also have ride times and XC course maps for you to review digitally, paper copies will not be available for handing out. We will have ride times and course maps posted on the office window for you to take photos of with your phone for referencing.

All staff and officials will be monitoring the venue to ensure all safety measures are being followed. This practice is first and foremost to protect you and everyone at our venue.

HORSE SHOW OPERATIONS

Show Entry Information: All prize lists, entry forms, release forms and methods of payment that are required to enter the shows at Poplar Place Farm are offered digitally at www.evententries.com. This creates a 'touchless' entry process whereas competitors do not have to come into direct contact with anyone.

Ride times, course maps and schedule updates can be found on our website at www.PoplarPlaceFarm.com. These documents will also be placed in the office window where competitors, trainers, grooms and essential personnel can photograph them with their personal phones.

Schooling and Warm-up rings/areas will have a table offering gloves, hand sanitizer and sanitizing spray. Schooling and warm-up jumps will be sprayer throughout the day with sanitizing spray. DO NOT allow anyone from outside your group of people to touch or feed your horse anything. Even if a nice volunteers is offering your horse a treat. This is NOT ALLOWED.

Bit Checks are now being performed by the official judging your dressage ride. If the judges has a question or issue with the bride, bit or equipment they will ask the rider to dismount and show them the piece of equipment in question. Riders have to comply with this request on the spot and cannot leave the area until the official/judge is satisfied.

Stabling requires social distancing practices and that masks be worn at all times. Stables will have been sanitized prior to your arrival. Hand sanitizer will be available at the ends of every barn aisle. Only competitors and essential staff will be allowed in barn areas.

PLAN OVERVIEW

Poplar Place farm is committed to providing a safe and fun experience for our competitors with the consideration of the COVID-19 restrictions. In conjunction with local, state and federal recommendations and mandates, including those from the World Health Organization (WHO), Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), Poplar has implemented the following guidelines and cleaning protocols to alleviate the potential impact of COVID-19 and to ensure that the re-introduction of horse shows is smooth, efficient and most importantly, safe for all involved. In addition, we are in close communication and collaboration with the state of Georgia's Emergency Preparedness Staff, with the Harris County Director of Health Services and Emergency Preparedness as these protocols and plans have been completed.

USEF has developed a comprehensive approach to returning to competition with appropriate COVID-19 protocols. We have used these guidelines as the basis for our plan. In addition, we have utilized the WHO/FEI risk assessment to measure the effectiveness of our planning efforts. With the use of the risk assessment, we have been able to determine that with all policies and practices applied, we are operating at a low level of risk.

OPERATIONS, SCREENING AND MONITORING

Waivers: All staff, officials, competitors and essential personnel must sign the USEF/USEA Liability Waiver, the USEF/State of GA Liability Waiver and the Poplar Place Farm Liability Waiver. If audited by the State of Georgia,

USEF or our insurance company, it will be our having these signed waivers that will allow us to continue hosting equestrian sport activities.

Masks are mandatory onsite at all times, including in the barns, unless you are mounted on a horse. We understand the masks can be hot and irritating to wear, but we are all in the same boat so let's make the best of it and help keep everyone in compliance. The USEF is likely to send a Compliance Officer for a surprise visit, and it would be a shame if they closed us down.

Temperature checks are mandatory every day. There will be someone at the gate when you arrive who will check your temperature and have waivers on hand if you haven't signed them all. Once your temperature is checked, you will be given a wristband (a different color each day) to wear so the staff and officials know you've been checked. If you for some reason come before anyone is at the gate, please check in with the show secretary who will set up outside the regular show office. They will also be able to check your temperature and give you the daily wrist band.

If you have a temperature, you will be asked to leave the property immediately and seek medical assessment. No one will be allowed entry to the property if they have a temperature. And lastly, if you are not feeling well or have symptoms of illness or have been exposed to the virus, please stay home!

No spectators are allowed at this time. Essential personnel only.

TRAINING AND AWARENESS

Prior to reopening our gates to the public our staff have received training from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's information hub for guidance for operating our facility in a COVID-19 threat environment. We supplemented this with materials and information provided from the State of Georgia and USEF.

You will see signage, reminders, and information around the property that will remind all of us the importance of using personal protective equipment (PPE), handwashing and social distancing. We will work hard to ensure we do not grow complacent with practices we know will help everyone stay safe.

WEAR – a mask

WAIT – 6 feet apart Social Distancing is our norm

WASH – your hands for 30 seconds with soap and water or 80% alcohol/hand sanitizer, often

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

Masks: All staff, officials, competitors and essential personnel will be **REQUIRED TO WEAR A CLOTH MASK AT ALL TIMES** while onsite, with the exception of being mounted on a horse. In accordance with CDC recommendations, it is strongly recommended that a cloth mask be worn anytime a person is outside their home.

If you forgot your mask, the show secretary will have some available for you.

JUDGES AREAS

Judges Areas will be set-up to comply with social distancing requirements. Booths will have plexiglass dividers between judges and scribes and will have hand sanitizer available at all times.

RESTROOMS

The restroom building and port-a-jons at Poplar Place Farm will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized prior to your arrival. These facilities will be continuously monitored, cleaned and sanitized throughout the competition weekend.

RESPONSE TO POTENTIAL EXPOSURE

If a staff member, official, competitor or essential staff person displays symptom or otherwise indicates high risk for possible infection, he/she will not be allowed to access the facility and/or participate in the competition. Staff, officials, competitors and essential personnel should have a support plan for their group in the case of any member is denied access into or participating at Poplar Place Farm due to medical concerns. That plan should include transportation arrangements to immediately remove the individual from the venue. We will have a sterilized room for temporary quarantine of such individuals but this location should not be considered a long term option for them to stay.

If you have any concerns about the possibility of infection by anyone on property, you need to immediately contact the Safety Officer, Tami White – (706) 333-6140!

Once identified, we will engage local medical/public health staff to perform contact tracing and enhance evaluation of confirmed contact, per CDC guidelines, so we can quickly mitigate any concerns of spread.

THANK YOU for your cooperation and support as we work together to ensure everyone's safety during this trying time of COVID-19! We wish everyone a safe and successful competition.

EMERGENCY PERSONNEL AND PHONE NUMBERS

These phone numbers will be posted around the venue.

Venue Address: 457 Kingboro Road, Hamilton, GA 31811

Local Fire Department:	Harris County Fire Department	(706) 628-9177
Paramedic/Ambulance:	Harris County Emergency Management Services	(706) 628-4284
Police:	Harris County Sheriff's Office	(706) 628-4211
Competition Manager:	Shelley Page	(352) 266-3970
Competition Co-Manager:	Mady Renfro	(706) 587-8870
Safety Coordinator:	Tami White	(706) 333-6140