

**Pennsylvania Racing Industry
Phase One Reopening Guidelines
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These Phase One reopening guidelines have been developed by a group representing all of the Pennsylvania thoroughbred and standardbred horse racing licensees. As each property is different in breed, barn availability, size and layout, each property will submit its own written standard operating procedure (SOP) to the Pennsylvania Horse Racing Commission (PHRC) prior to beginning operations. The SOPs will list details of measures each property will take based on its particular components, size and layout. Current guidance from Governor Tom Wolf is that racetracks will only be able to open once the county in which they are situated has been declared to be in the “green” reopening phase. While it is presumed that spectators will be permitted in the green phase, these Phase One guidelines are focused on non-spectator related aspects of reopening. Individual properties will address spectator-related measures in their SOPs.

The Pennsylvania horse racing licensees will continue to closely monitor government policy changes, Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, government mandates, and public health advancements and will continue to make changes as necessary or appropriate to our SOPs. We will continue to refine and update our plans as local and state mandates evolve and our experts provide us with more advice.

1. General Guidelines:

- a. Hand washing should be top of mind at all times. To the extent possible everyone should wash his or her hands regularly throughout the day with soap and water or using available hand sanitizing stations posted around the backside.
- b. Signage will be placed at entrances depicting a checklist of COVID-19 symptoms and asking all personnel to not enter the property if their answer is “YES” to any question on the checklist.
- c. Social distancing measures require that grouping and gathering will not be allowed. All essential racing personnel will be required to maintain appropriate social distancing when possible.
- d. Track management will establish and maintain additional sanitizing stations.
- e. Face masks/face coverings (a mask, scarf or bandanna) that cover mouth and nose will be mandated for all essential racing personnel and vendors to be worn at all times while in public. All Horsemen and vendors will be responsible for purchasing face masks/face coverings for their employees. The properties will supply facemasks/face coverings to all backside employees and other PPE for property employees as determined necessary based on job duties.
- f. Disinfecting of public areas in barn, backside and race paddock areas will be required to take place regularly. With the exception of receiving barns, where applicable, cleaning of

barns, backside and race paddock areas will be the responsibility of the Horsemen at each property.

- g. Grandstands will remain closed with no admittance to anyone other than those required for live racing operations.
- h. The CDC (Centers for Disease and Control) maintains online resources at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>).

2. Personnel Protocols and Restrictions:

- a. Only essential racing personnel will be allowed in the barn and race paddock areas. Essential racing personnel may include racing officials as designated by PHRC (including personnel licensed by PHRC to ensure horse racing is held in compliance with state statutes and regulations, which may include, but is not limited to, stewards/judges, placing judges, official chart-caller, clerk of course, photo finish operator, clocker and clerk of scales), ambulance staff, track maintenance crew, backside maintenance crew, racing department employees, and housekeeping crew. Personnel involved with the care, training and racing of horses including grooms, hotwalkers, exercise riders/drivers, trainers and their assistants, jockeys, drivers, blacksmiths, veterinarians, and equine massage therapists, will be limited based upon the SOPs of each horse racing licensee. Horse Owners and visitors are not considered essential personnel and will not be allowed entry.
- b. Essential personnel will be educated on the proper removal of PPE and will receive regular protocol updates.
- c. No owners, visitors, or guests will be allowed access to the barn area, racetrack, track apron, paddock, or jockey's room/drivers lounge until further notice.
- d. The racetrack and paddock access will be limited to PHRC, licensed trainers (or assistant trainers) and essential personnel who have horses racing that day.
- e. Essential personnel will have and wear a current PHRC racing license when on the grounds.

3. Screening Practices:

- a. Conduct assessment that may include direct questioning and/or temperature readings on personnel.
- b. Those who present with Covid-19 symptoms shall not be allowed to access the premises and shall be sent home and told to contact a health care provider for medical assessment and Covid-19 testing. If tested positive, the individual may only return after completing a 14-day quarantine.
 - 1. Track management and/or personnel will follow up with the impacted individual for a status and, to the extent required, report to state and federal officials.

c. Personnel who are sick shall be required to stay home or return home if they become ill at work.

d. Any communications required by the PA Department of Health and CDC Guidelines regarding positive tests and/or contact tracing will be provided.

4. Barn and Paddock Area Protocols:

- a. Equipment accompanying a horse will be disinfected prior to entering the paddock or racetrack areas. It is the responsibility of the trainer to have his/her equipment disinfected.
- b. Only essential personnel licensed by PHRC and jockeys/drivers scheduled to ride/drive in races on a given day will be allowed access to the jockey's room/drivers lounge.
- c. Everyone working/living in the barn and paddock areas will wear a suitable covering (a mask, scarf or bandanna) over their nose and mouth at all times in public.

- d. Essential racing personnel, vendors, employees, van drivers will wear a suitable covering (a mask, scarf or bandanna) over their nose and mouth when entering the barn or paddock areas. Van drivers and attendants will have minimal contact with any barn or paddock area personnel.
- e. Gate crew personnel will wear a suitable covering (a mask, scarf or bandanna) over their nose and mouth while loading horses into the starting gate and will avoid physical contact with any other personnel unless in the best interest of safety.
- f. Increased cleaning/disinfecting of regularly employed equipment.
- g. No loitering or gathering in any public spaces while on property will be allowed.
- h. Increased cleaning/disinfecting of starting gates, paddock gates, paddock stalls and public areas in the barn and paddock areas.

5. Racing & Licensing Office Protocols

- a. No loitering in or outside the racing office and/or licensing office. Practice social distancing while outside at all times. Entries will be made either on-line or over the phone based upon the SOPs of each horse racing licensee. Appropriate social distancing will be maintained at all times throughout the offices.
- b. Access to Racing Office will be limited based upon SOPs of each horse racing licensee.
- c. Racing office staff and anyone entering racing office will wear a suitable covering (a mask, scarf or bandanna) over their nose and mouth.

6. Jockey, Drivers & Jocks', Drivers' Room Protocols

- a. Access to the Jocks' Room or Drivers Lounge will be limited based upon the SOPs of each horse racing licensee.
- b. Jockeys will wear a suitable covering (a mask, scarf or bandanna) over their nose and mouth in the Jocks' Room and Saddling Paddock, but can remove the mask prior to mounting.
- c. Drivers will wear a suitable covering (a mask, scarf or bandanna) over their nose and mouth in the Drivers Lounge and Paddock area, but can remove the mask prior to driving.

7. Trainer Responsibilities

- a. Trainers will be responsible for ensuring their employees' compliance with PPE requirements.