**Horsemen’s Association Mitigation Plan**

**Mask Requirements**

* All members and guests must arrive to practice and meetings wearing a face covering
* Face coverings must be worn at all times during meetings, in the alleyways, or when keeping 6 feet apart is not possible.

**Acceptable times to lower face coverings**

* When catching your horse in the pasture or stall if no other people are within 6 ft.
* When lunging your horse prior to mounting
* Once mounted and having ridden at least 6 feet away from the mounting block area and while maintaining 6 feet social distance both laterally and front/rear. Coverings should be put back on if the instructor approaches you while mounted.
* When providing before or after care for your horse as social distance allows (e.g. alone in the loft dropping hay, picking out a 12X12 stall alone, or etc.)
* When getting a drink of water

**Equipment Sanitization / Procedures**

* All sanitizing will use the “buddy system” that you visually confirm sanitizing as follows each time you use borrowed equipment:
	+ Hands and gloves should be sanitized prior to handling the latches at the gray double gates.
	+ Riding gloves must be worn at all times while on the property unless otherwise stated due to the nature of the alcohol based cleaner on leather reins and saddles.
	+ Enter through the open double slider doors and avoid the walk through with door knob whenever possible.
	+ Helmets will be sanitized between and after use.
	+ Lesson horses need their particularly fitted bridles and saddles but reins can be swapped for a personal set if the rider wishes to complete their lesson without gloves; reins should be 8 ft split reins of 1” width and with trigger snap endings in lieu of water ties with traditional Chicago or leather ties.
	+ All borrowed equipment which is not leather (e.g. muck fork/hand truck for caring for your lesson horse’s space after use, cotton lead ropes / rope or nylon halters, brushes/hoof picks/ hydrant handles, hoses etc.) should be sanitized after use by the person using the item.

**Other**

* No shared food during meetings or at the lesson site. No one will be allowed to drink from the water hose; bring along a tumbler or water bottle.
* No sharing gloves, water bottles, cold weather gear or etc.
* If bringing personal reins or helmets, these cannot be stored on site and must be sanitized before and after use while on site. No sharing these items.