Southern Reins has been closely monitoring the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Our organization will reopen for services following Phase 2 of the Back to Business Plan for Shelby County, TN. The date is subject to change, and only our Collierville Campus will reopen for private lessons.

**DAILY PRECAUTIONS OVERVIEW**

- All staff and volunteers are required to properly wash and sanitize their hands immediately upon arrival before reporting to work/assignments
- All staff and volunteers are required to wear masks during designated lesson times
- After horses are cared for and all barn chores are complete, Barn Staff will clean and disinfect all stall door handles, halters and lead ropes
- Southern Reins’ Program Director will oversee that barn areas are cleaned and sanitized in the morning, mid-day, and end of day. Areas include door knobs to the Welcome Center and restrooms, volunteer lounge, tack room and feed room. Welcome Center light switches, tables and chairs, doorknobs, restroom countertops, handles, toilets, faucets, sink basins, paper towel dispensers and soap dispensers will be cleaned and sanitized with antibacterial wipes and/or Lysol
- The Executive Director will oversee that the office area is cleaned and sanitized in the morning and afternoon. Areas include the front door knob, refrigerator handles, main kitchen sink handle, kitchen countertops, sink basin, and first floor main restroom door knob, countertop, faucet, sink basin, paper towel dispenser and soap dispenser
- Antibacterial soap is available in all restrooms and the desk of the Welcome Center
- Practices such as regularly washing your hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer; practicing good sneeze and cough hygiene; avoiding touching your mouth, nose and eyes with unwashed hands; avoiding close contact with people who are sick; and disinfecting and cleaning often touched objects and surfaces can help reduce your risk of exposure
- Only private lessons will be conducted until further notice at the Collierville Campus. Lessons at the DeSoto Campus are suspended until further notice
- Designated access areas will be marked and areas throughout the barn will be restricted to staff only (including the Volunteer Lounge, tack room and feed room)
- Only participants, family members, volunteers and staff are permitted to be at the facility, and only for scheduled lessons or as required. Visitors and guests are not permitted at the Collierville Campus

**LESSON PROTOCOL**

- Designated access areas will be marked and areas throughout the barn will be restricted to staff only (including the Volunteer Lounge, tack room and feed room)
- Only participants, a family member, volunteers and staff are permitted to be at the facility, and only for scheduled lessons
- Visitors and guests are not permitted at the Collierville Campus, which shall remain closed except for scheduled lessons
- A supply table will be set up under the awning of the Welcome Center to include non-latex gloves and hand sanitizer
- The Program Director will prop open the Welcome Center doors for participants, family members and caregivers to have access to the restrooms. Instructors will pull all assigned tack and equipment and have the horse waiting in the cross tie area for the assigned horse leader. The rider’s helmet will also be with the horses equipment
- Staff, volunteers and participants will have their temperature taken upon arrival with a non-contact forehead IR thermometer gun
- Only the Instructor or an assigned volunteer will be allowed to enter the barn prior to the arrival of the participant.
- If it is necessary for the participant to travel through the barn to access the arena, the Instructor or volunteer will accompany them
- Participants will wait in their vehicles until their designated lesson time, and until such time as the Instructor or designated volunteer is able to assist them.
LESSON PROTOCOL - Continued

- Staff and volunteers are required to wear masks at all times and will properly wash and sanitize their hands immediately before the lesson starts, and immediately after the lesson ends.
- There will be a 15 minute break scheduled between each lesson to allow time for disinfecting protocols to be followed.
- Participants, family members and caregivers should reduce their exposure to others and remain in their vehicles in between lessons.
- The Program Director will oversee that all safety protocols are followed.
- The Program Director or Instructor will remove helmets, clean and disinfect with Lysol and set aside so as not to be immediately used by the next participant. Participants are encouraged to purchase and use their own helmet/s.
- Instructors or volunteers who use disposable gloves are required to remove and dispose of the gloves immediately after the lesson and/or any contact with the participant, then immediately wash and sanitize their hands - then report immediately back outside to wait for their next participant or leave the property.
- Horse leaders who use disposable gloves should keep gloves on until the horse is untacked and returned to the stall.
- All equipment - including but not limited to - tack, adaptive equipment, pads, and reins will be removed from the horse by the volunteer and sprayed with disinfectant by the Program Director or Instructor. The horses halter, lead rope, and stall door will also be disinfected after they are returned to the stall.
- At the conclusion of each lesson, the Program Director will clean and disinfect bathroom door handles, as well as any other known surfaces that may be required to be cleaned and disinfected.

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