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↑(Write name of group or other.)↑

Visitor Client Individual Volunteer Group Volunteer Client family member



## **Equest Waiver and Release of Liability Specific to Covid-19 For Clients, Volunteers, Family Members and Visitors**

**Updated 8/12/2022**

Equest works hard to protect clients, the public, staff, and volunteers, while allowing for our constituents to be as comfortable as possible. Equest is following the Center for Disease Control (CDC) as well as state, and local health department guidelines to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

The CDC identifies the following groups to be at higher risk for severe illness from Covid-19.

Age 65 or older and <b>People with:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Asthma (moderate to severe)</li><li>• Chronic lung disease</li><li>• Diabetes</li><li>• Serious heart conditions</li><li>• Liver Disease</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chronic Kidney Disease- being treated with dialysis</li><li>• Severe Obesity (Body mass index of 40 or higher)</li><li>• People living in nursing homes or long-term care facilities</li><li>• Immunocompromised</li></ul>
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Alongside the identified high-risk groups listed above, the following populations, if served or interacted with at Equest might be at increased risk of becoming infected or having unrecognized illness:

- People who have limited mobility or who cannot avoid coming into close contact with others who may be infected, such as direct support providers and family members
- People who have trouble understanding information or practicing preventive measures, such as hand washing and social distancing
- People who may not be able to communicate symptoms of illness

### **MASKING, ATTENDANCE, AND SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOLS**

#### **1. CLIENTS, VOLUNTEERS, STAFF AND GUESTS who are **FULLY VACCINATED:****

Are **not** required to wear masks **except** under the following circumstances:

When we have a cluster of people in a small space, such as during volunteer training, when a large group is in Equest's classroom and folks are not able to keep social distancing. In situations such as this, all persons will be required to wear masks.

#### **2. CLIENTS, VOLUNTEERS, STAFF AND GUESTS who are **NOT FULLY VACCINATED:****

- **Must** wear a mask when in the presence of another human being.
- Maintain at least 6 feet separation from other individuals not within the same household. If such distancing is not feasible, other measures such as, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced.
- Refrain from coming to Equest if you have been exposed to anyone with symptoms of or lab-confirmed COVID-19.

**ALL CONSTITUENTS:**

- Cancel lessons/appointments/ or volunteer obligations if experiencing any symptoms that may be related to COVID-19 **OR** have been exposed to a person lab-confirmed with COVID -19 in the past 14 days.
- Understand it is the personal responsibility of each constituent to get vaccinated and/or to appropriately follow the Equest protocol.
- Maintain a minimum 6-foot social distancing from other people, whenever possible.
- Consume water and other beverages only from personal water containers, provided disposable water bottles, or containers purchased from the beverage machine.
- Rigorously practice hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation.

**ADDITIONALLY:**

**1. Therapeutic Riding clients and Volunteer Riding Clients:**

- Provide your own ASTM/SEI approved for equestrian use riding helmet.
- Provide your own riding gloves (if you use riding gloves).

**2. PT/OT (Hippotherapy) clients:**

- Provide own ASTM/SEI approved for equestrian use riding helmet. Clients who need guidance when purchasing helmets or riding gloves, please call (972)412-1099 ext. 209

**3. Volunteers who are helping in the stables:**

- Bring your own work gloves

**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED FOR ALL CONSTITUENTS:**

- Take your temperature prior to leaving home OR when arriving at Equest. If your temperature is above 99.6 degrees, cancel lesson/ appointment/ volunteer obligation.
- After using the restroom, wash hands using the 20 second method as outlined by the CDC.

**SIGNATURE:** I am fully aware that there are a number of risks associated with me and/or my child entering Equest property including contracting COVID-19 or other diseases which could result in a serious medical condition requiring medical treatment in a hospital or could possibly lead to death. I knowingly and freely assume all risks, both known and unknown, relating to my and/or my child’s visit to Equest. I hereby forever release, waive, relinquish, and discharge Equest, along with their employees, volunteers, or other representatives from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, rights, damages, expenses, and causes of action of whatever kind or nature, and other losses of any kind, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen as a result of my visit to Equest.

By signing this Waiver and Release of Liability form, I, the undersigned client (or guardian), acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to be bound by all the terms, conditions, and information it contains. Ample opportunity has been offered to me to ask questions and seek clarification of anything unclear to me. Failure to comply with these written instructions or verbal instructions from staff or volunteers may result in your removal from the premises.

I also understand that all indicated safety precautions may be amended at any time and may be communicated to me verbally or in writing.

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Printed Name of Client/Volunteer

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Date

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Signature of Client or Parent/Guardian if Client/Volunteer is a Minor

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Date

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Signature of Equest Employee

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Date

*Further clarification regarding the recommendations and protocols can be found on the CDC’s website.*