



# VADA COVID-19 Emergency Response Plan

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The VADA COVID-19 Emergency Response Plan outlines the responses to a COVID-19 situation during the competition. Included in this plan are preparation actions taken, planned protocols to COVID-19 situations and contact information. This plan is based on the requirements of the USEF (<https://www.usef.org/media/covid19-toolkit>).

This plan utilizes the Virginia Horse Center Foundation Pandemic Preparedness and Response Plan (<http://vahorsecenter.org/>) as the basis for the protocols in this document and that plan is incorporated by reference into this document.

## Emergency Facilities, Personnel and Contact Numbers

Event Name: Dressage at Lexington

Event Location: Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA

Show Manager: Dianne Boyd, 703-850-9704

Safety/COVID-19 Response Coordinator: Dianne Boyd, 703-850-9704

On Site EMT: Contact through Show Secretary or call 540-464-2971

VHC Security: 540-784-0156

USEF Contact: Katlyn Sacco, [ksacco@usef.org](mailto:ksacco@usef.org)

Local Health Authorities: Rockbridge -Lexington Health Department, 300 White St. Lexington Va. 24450, 540-463-185

Local Health Facilities:

Carilion Stonewall Jackson Hospital  
1 Health Circle Lexington, VA 24450  
540-458-3300

Velocity Care  
110 Houston St. Suite D Lexington, VA 24450  
540-462-3950

Rockbridge Area Health Center  
25 Northridge Ln. Lexington, VA 24450  
540-464-8700

Velocity Care  
735 Steeles Tavern Rd. Raphine, VA 24472  
540-887-3100

# COVID-19 Situation Protocols

## Arrival at Virginia Horse Center

- Virginia Horse Center personnel will check temperature and ask health check questions of all participants arriving at the facility each day
- If a participant has a temperature of 100.4° or above, exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 or has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 or symptoms, they will be asked to leave the facility immediately and not be allowed beyond the front gate.
- If participant requests additional evaluation, the EMT will be called to evaluate the participant further, including verbal questions and additional temperature evaluation. EMT shall determine if participant had a temporary situation and will be allowed to come on the show grounds.
- If a participant is turned away, competition management will immediately inform the USEF TD and USEF office.
- Each participant permitted to come on the grounds must sign a facility waiver and complete a health check questionnaire.

## During the Competition

- If a participant is notified of potential contact to someone with a positive COVID test, they should immediately contact Show Management or the EMT.
- If a participant experiences signs of illness or injury, they should immediately contact Show Management or the EMT.
- If the EMT determines that the symptoms are potentially COVID-19 related, the patient will be moved to the VHCF Isolation bus for further evaluation.
- If transportation to nearest medical facility is needed for evaluation and testing, EMT will arrange for local EMS transport.
- Safety/COVID-19 Resource Officer will coordinate with the affected participant's Emergency Contact/Trainer (if Rider) to determine actions needed to facilitate the participant's departure from the show grounds.
- Safety/COVID-19 Resource Officer will coordinate with VHC personnel to determine needed disinfection of areas where the patient was on the show grounds.

## After Competition

- Any participant, including staff, officials, and volunteers, who experiences potential COVID-19 symptoms or is tested positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of leaving the competition must immediately notify the Show Manager, Dianne Boyd,

## Communication Protocols

- Show Management will maintain current and emergency contact phone numbers and emails for all show participants.
- Communication will be via text, email, Show website to all participants. Separate communication will be made to the facility, USEF and local health officials
- In the event of an incident:
  - Safety/COVID-19 Resource Officer will notify any other participants that have been in contact with the affected individual and recommend that they self-quarantine for the next 14 days.
  - All other participants that have been at the facility will be notified by email that a participant has exhibited COVID-19 related symptoms or tested positive for COVID-19,

keeping the person's identity protected. The communication will include what steps the show management is taking to protect the health of the other participants.

- Communication of the incident will be provided to the USEF.
- For any incident, the Show Manager is the key contact for situation analysis and decision making.
- The Show Manager in collaboration with the VADA President will lead media activities and all external communication as well as respond to rumors on social media.

## Training

- Training will be provided prior to the start of the show.
- Training material consists of web-based documents for the VADA COVID-19 Guidelines and Rules, the VADA COVID-19 Emergency Response Plan, the VHCF COVID-19 Rules and Guidelines and the VHCF COVID-19 Response Plan.
- Zoom calls will be held with each participant group to go over all the required materials and answer any questions.

## Enforcement Authority

- Show Management, the USEF Technical Delegate and VHCF staff have the authority to deny access to participants who are showing COVID-19 Symptoms and to remove anyone from the grounds who does not adhere to all rules and regulations.
- The Show Manager, in consultation with the USEF Technical Delegate has the authority to disqualify any participant for not following USEF rules and to ask VHC Security to remove them from the grounds.