

## The Right Step, Inc. Mask Mandate and Warm Weather Policy

In accordance with **Jefferson County Public Health order 20-005**, everyone is required to abide by the following face covering standards while at The Right Step, Inc. and Denver Equestrians Riding School:

- Masks are **required** while in the following locations:  
Barn aisles, tack rooms, grooming stalls, main office area, upstairs viewing area
- Masks are **optional** in the following areas when maintaining proper social distancing:  
Indoor arena (including seating deck), outdoor arena, and other outdoor locations
- Masks are **required** for all TRS staff and volunteers when within six feet of a client, regardless of where the activity is taking place.
- Staff and volunteers in individual horse stalls may remove masks as long as there are no other humans in the stall. If two people are in the same stall both must wear a mask. This also applies to the feed stall and the storage stall.
- If you need to take a mask-off breathing break, please step outside or socially distance in the viewing deck of the indoor arena to do so.
- The following exceptions are made for people with disabilities:
  - Children under 5 years of age are exempt.
  - Those who cannot physically remove their own mask are exempt.
  - Those who are communicating with someone who is hard of hearing, or with someone who needs to see the mouth for communication may temporarily remove their mask to do so.
  - Clients and any parents/caregivers who are unable to wear masks are asked to go directly to the viewing area and not to linger in the aiseways

Recognizing that wearing a mask in high temperatures can increase the danger of overheating for clients, staff, and volunteers, we are changing our warm weather policy to **NO** riding when temperatures are **90 degrees F or above** or **85 degrees F or above if the humidity is greater than 50%**. Above those temperatures lessons will be restricted to ground based (non-riding) lessons or cancelled as appropriate for the individual client. Ideally, weather decisions will be made and announced by 6pm the day before scheduled lessons. However, as weather conditions can change, the final decision to move to a ground lesson or cancel will be determined by the lesson instructor. All such decisions are not made lightly and are made in the interest of providing a safe experience for everyone involved-clients, volunteers, staff, and horses.

Lastly, given that COVID-19 is on the rise in many states, we are requiring any staff, volunteers, or clients to **not participate in any lessons until 14 days after they return** and are symptom free if they have traveled out of state.

If you have any questions or concerns about these policy changes, please reach out to our Program Director, Emily Stibbards: [programdirector@therightstepinc.org](mailto:programdirector@therightstepinc.org)