



RVR Policies Overview

2024 COVID Protocol

This policy applies to all participants, their families, volunteers, staff, and visitors at any RVR facility or event. *This policy is subject to change.*

If you have been in close contact (see below) with someone with COVID, you must refrain from coming to RVR for 5 days. After 5 days you can return to RVR if you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolved. *If you have a fever, continue to stay home until your fever resolves.*

If you or anyone in your household has any symptoms (see below) consistent with COVID, regardless of vaccination status or test result, you must refrain from coming to RVR for 5 days. After 5 days you can return to RVR if you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolved. *If you have a fever, continue to stay home until your fever resolves.*

Definition of Close Contact:

- Indoors: within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes, with or without a mask
- Outdoors: within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes, without a mask

COVID Symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Visiting Animal Policy

No animals will be allowed at RVR lessons unless these animals are Service Animals. The animal must be leashed or contained. They are the responsibility of the owner and must be under their physical control.

Only RVR approved horses are allowed onsite, unless the horse is present for evaluation and scheduled by an instructor.

When you bring a service animal visitor to the session you must inform one of the instructors on site.



Participant Dismissal & Discharge Policy

It is at the discretion of RVR's Staff to accept or remove a Participant from the program. The results of a risk/benefit analysis will also be considered. Participants who do not adhere to the rules and procedures or meet the guidelines for eligibility are subject to dismissal or discharge. Possible grounds for dismissal may include, but are not limited to: conduct endangering another Participant or staff or the horse; conduct endangering themselves; consistent failure to follow safety procedures with respect to the horses & facility; displaying threatening behavior, animal abuse, the abuse of other people, verbal abuse of volunteers or others; there is not a horse suitable for the participant; participant's weight exceeds the maximum weight limit determined for each individual horse; fire-starting; throwing objects; property damage; use of or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs while at the facility, or behavior that is disruptive to the normal functioning of the program on the part of the rider, frequent cancellations or no shows; the development of a contraindicated condition or the deterioration of a condition to the point horseback riding is no longer beneficial or could be harmful to the participant or where safety for the Participant or others has become a concern; or for other reasons in accordance with PATH Intl. operating center guidelines.

No Participant will be dismissed without an opportunity to discuss the reasons with supervisory staff. The Participant may at any time, for whatever reason, decide to sever the Participant relationship with RVR. Notice of such a decision should be communicated as soon as possible.

Policy of Drug-Free Awareness

River Valley Riders is committed to a drug-free program. No persons are welcome on the premises while under the influence of illegal drugs, marijuana, or alcohol. Such persons will be asked to leave the site and they may be dismissed from the program.

Any suspicions of illegal drug use or use of alcohol or marijuana on site should be reported to an instructor.

All RVR sites are smoke-free and vaping is not allowed.