

## **Grants Pass Downs COVID-19 PROTOCOL for Horsemen/Horsewomen on the Backside**

This protocol outlines Grants Pass Downs' ("GPD") requirements and expectations for backside attendees, including owners, trainers, jockeys, grooms, and all other horsemen and horsewomen who are in attendance on the backside during training and race days. These are the general policies and procedures subject to the discretion of Grants Pass Downs Management and are subject to change as state and local health authorities update public health guidelines and policies.

**This protocol may be updated daily. The most up-to-date version will be available to all horsemen and women seeking admittance to the backside each day, and it is their responsibility to review the current version of this protocol each day to ensure compliance with any updated guidelines.**

**GPD personnel who have been designated to implement and enforce social distancing and other policies consistent with guidance from health and governmental authorities may require horsemen and horsewomen to follow safety and sanitation measures in addition to those listed below and as circumstances warrant. Their directions must be followed in all cases.**

### **Backside Admission**

Grants Pass Downs will remain closed to all non-essential persons until otherwise directed by health and government authorities. Only essential persons (owners, trainers, veterinarians, farriers, grooms, jockeys, and exercise riders) and certain GPD-designated employees will be allowed entry. At all times GPD will have one or more designated employees or officers to oversee and enforce the following protocols, as well as be available as a resource to essential persons in adhering to the CDC's and Oregon Health Authority's social distancing guidelines to the maximum extent possible:

- Entry to the backside will be limited to two specific locations, the Pansy Lane gate and the Arena gate.
- Screening checkpoints will be set up at both backside entry gates to screen and register those seeking entry to Grants Pass Downs. Every person entering the backside will have their name and ORC license number recorded daily. The screening will consist of the following:
  - a. Temperature Check – Temperature readings will be taken with a non-touch forehead thermometer. Temperatures will be recorded daily. Only those with a temperature less than 100.4°F degrees will meet the requirement for admittance.
  - b. Symptom Screening – Entrants will be asked to report any symptoms. Only those reporting no symptoms of COVID-19 will meet the requirement for admittance.
  - c. Exposure – Entrants will be asked to disclose any close contact in the last 14 days with anyone who may have been exposed to COVID-19. Entrants must immediately report any potential exposure to Katy Burris (hr@gpdowns.com or 541-244-8751).
- **If all screening requirements are met**, such person will be granted access only to the backside areas essential to such person's work for that day and not to any other areas.
- **If the screening requirements are not met**, such persons must, at the direction of GPD, immediately leave the premises and not return until:
  - a. 14 days have passed since possible exposure;
  - b. at least 7 days have passed since they experienced any fever, cough, shortness of

breath, or other known symptoms; and

- c. they are free from any symptoms without the use of fever-reducing or other symptom-altering medicine for at least 72 hours (three full days) and potentially longer, depending on your health care provider's instructions and CDC, Oregon Health Authority and local health department protocols.
- If such person has a confirmed COVID-19 infection, GPD may require written medical clearance from such person's health care provider that such person is able to regain access to the backside in accordance with CDC and Oregon Health Authority guidelines.
  - Each person who is residing in the RV spaces on the backside is required to report to one of the entry gates for screening each morning by 9 a.m., where they will be screened as described above.
  - GPD will inform local health authorities of possible virus exposure in the backside, follow local health authorities' instructions, and pass on information and directions to essential persons who are or have been working in the backside as directed. Any person who has come into close contact with an affected person may also be asked to self-quarantine or leave the backside and not return until the screening requirements for admittance are again satisfied.

### Restricted Access and General Protocols

To follow recommended guidelines by health and government authorities, limitations on gatherings will be enforced in compliance with current recommendations for social distancing. The following general protocols apply in all cases:

- Only persons essential to a particular day's operations will be admitted for that day, and those persons who are admitted may only work in areas essential to their particular tasks for that day's work (i.e., those areas necessary for training and caring for horses).
- Social distancing of at least 6 feet must be practiced at all times to the maximum extent possible. If social distancing of at least 6 feet is not possible, masks or cloth face coverings must be worn that cover the nose and mouth in compliance with, and to the extent required under, CDC and Oregon Health Authority guidelines. Health authorities recommend the use of masks or cloth face coverings as a last resort, and not as a replacement for social distancing.
- Work in occupied areas will be limited to only those tasks that are strictly necessary that day. Use of particular locations or equipment within each area should be staggered to the maximum extent possible to avoid close contact and maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet between persons.
- Horsemen and horsewomen will be required to keep their areas clean and sanitized and are responsible for providing their own cleaning supplies to keep clean and sanitize all personal equipment and belongings, including their face masks provided upon initial entry to the backside.
- Training and similar equipment should remain in each horseman and horsewoman's specific barn area and not passed to different individuals or used in other areas. All equipment and all rails and gates having contact with equipment should be cleaned daily.
- Gatherings of any size and for any reason, within or outside the backside, are strongly discouraged unless the CDC's and Oregon Health Authority's recommended social distancing and other precautionary measures are strictly followed.

- All persons must follow the CDC's and Oregon Health Authority's hand-washing guidelines and should wash their hands for at least 20 seconds each time before and after work, after touching any surfaces in a backside location, and frequently throughout each day.
- Reporting of any safety or health concerns to GPD-designated personnel is encouraged, so that any concerns may be addressed.

### Additional Safety Measures

- Running water, soap, and paper towels will be provided for hand washing at all permanent restroom facilities.
- Portable toilets will include hand sanitizer dispensers.
- Hand sanitizer stations will also be provided at high-traffic areas.
- Horsemen and horsewomen are required to wear masks (or other face coverings such as a buff or a bandana) that completely cover their mouth and nose at all times when they are within 6 feet of any other person. Upon initial entry to the backside, and on a one time basis, one reusable mask and filter per person will be provided at the entry gate courtesy of the HBPA. Additional masks or filters may be available from the vendor, subject to availability.
- GPD follows strict employee health and hygiene protocols and has sanitization measures in place for the safety of essential persons admitted to the backside. GPD employs a cleaning crew to disinfect areas in the backside and to clean common touchpoints. All frequently touched surfaces such as door handles, gate handles, handrails, counter tops and bathrooms will be cleaned on a regular basis, at least daily, in accordance with CDC and Oregon Health Authority guidance.
- Information packets will be provided to all horsemen and horsewomen upon initial entry to the backside that include information on emergency contacts, medical resources, and health authority guidance on the symptoms of COVID-19 and information on what to do if you are sick with COVID-19.
- Posters that encourage staying home when sick and provide guidelines on social distancing, coughing and sneezing etiquette, and maintaining hand hygiene will be placed at key locations around the backside where they can be seen by all backside attendees.

### Continual Assessment

Grants Pass Downs will continually assess the risk posed by COVID-19; evaluate the risk of exposure; select, implement, and ensure controls are used to prevent exposure, including physical barriers to control the spread of the virus; enforce social distancing; and provide appropriate hygiene and cleaning supplies.

This protocol may be updated frequently. It is the responsibility of everyone seeking admittance to the backside to read this protocol every day and follow the most up-to-date guidance for everyone's safety.

Please call or email Katy Burris, GPD HR & Payroll Manager, who is designated to establish, implement, and enforce social distancing policies consistent with guidance from the Oregon Health Authority, at [hr@gpdowns.com](mailto:hr@gpdowns.com) or 541-244-8751 if you have questions or to obtain the most current version.