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## Shooting Sports, Outdoor Challenge, Horse and Dog Training Summer Practice Guidelines

As **AgriLife Extension** and **volunteers** begin to re-engage in educational programming, maintaining safety for clientele, volunteers, and employees is our highest priority. All volunteers must be aware of and comply with municipal/county health guidance as well as additional state and federal guidance. If you have questions or need additional information about requirements, please contact your county Extension agent and consult with the County Extension Agents before planning and/or hosting any in-person events and activities.

### General guidance for coaches returning to service:

- Evaluate your comfort, risk, health, and safety when considering returning to volunteer service. If you have underlying conditions please consider staying home and not offering practice sessions.
- Remain at home if you or anyone in your home is not feeling well or has a fever.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Keep 6 feet or more apart from others.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a facemask or other personal protective equipment as a way of diminishing transmission. For more information, see <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>
- Frequently clean high-touch surfaces including your cellphone/tablet, door handles, restroom surfaces, handrails, tools, etc. For more information, see <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/disinfecting-your-home.html>
- Refrain from using shared office equipment when possible. If it is necessary to use other's equipment, sanitize between each user.

### Guidance for outdoor practice:

- Groups working outdoors together or receiving instructions should be 10 or fewer people, all spaced 6 feet apart or more. This includes coaches and parents.
- When possible, participants should use their own equipment; shared equipment should be cleaned after each use.

### Other Guidelines for practice:

- No food allowed during practices
- Participants should bring their own **bottled** water
- Parents should drop off and wait in the car or be included in the 10 person count.

- If a child will be practicing multiple times they should be practicing with the same coach for the entire summer to limit the number of people each person may come in contact with. This will cut back on the number of possible contacts for each person.
- All in attendance should wear face coverings, with participants expected to provide their own PPE.
- Remind the families that although practices are available, it is each family's decision to make regarding their safety. When deciding whether to participate they should consider not participating if there are any high risk individuals in their household.
- Advise participants in advance that if they have any symptoms or feel unwell, they **should not attend**.
- Anyone who appears sick should be sent home whether they are youth, coaches, or parents.
- Those receiving instructions should be 10 or fewer people, all spaced 6 feet apart or more.
- Make sure all organizers, participants, and visitors verify contact details prior to practice: mobile telephone number, email and address where they are staying. If they will not agree to this, they cannot attend the practice. A copy of attendance must be submitted to the extension office within 48 hours of each practice, contact information can be sent in one time unless a participant has a change in information over the summer.
- Please send me a list (email is fine) of the steps you are planning to take to reduce the risk of COVID-19 infection
- Remind participants as they arrive to utilize ways to greet others without touching.
- Encourage regular hand washing or use of an alcohol rub by all participants at the meeting or event.
- Encourage participants to cover their face with the bend of their elbow or a tissue if they cough or sneeze. Supply tissues and closed bins to dispose of them in.

#### Cleaning and Disinfecting:

- Facilities or communal spaces should be cleaned prior to a new group entering the space.
- **Provide hand washing or sanitizing stations for all participants, and have all participants use them between each station/activity.** This means you will need to have hand sanitizer available at each practice. Coaches should have it available at the field or station they are practicing at.
- Shared equipment should be cleaned and disinfected after each use.
- Frequently touched surfaces should be cleaned multiple times daily.

#### Key considerations to prevent or reduce COVID-19 risks AFTER the practice include

- In keeping with existing policy, retain the names and contact details of all participants through documented sign in sheets. Send those sign in sheets to Matt at the County Office

- If someone at the meeting or event was isolated as a suspected COVID-19 case, the organizer should let all participants know this. They should be advised to monitor themselves for symptoms for 14 days and take their temperature twice a day.
- If they develop even a mild cough or low-grade fever they should stay at home and self-isolate. This means avoiding close contact (6-FEET or nearer) with other people, including family members. They should also telephone their healthcare provider or the local public health department, giving them details of their recent travel and symptoms.
- Thank all the participants for their cooperation with the provisions.

Source: AgriLife Phased Approach to Return to Work – Office (VC Memo 5.14.20)