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Notes from the conference call this week from USJHA:

The word from USEF is that they want a safe and socially responsible re-opening - points are not as important as safety.

Race tracks are beginning to re-open - their progress will be tracked.

Bill Morony is planning on writing state governors to explain the difference between mainstream sporting events (huge crowds) and horse shows - very small crowds to see if he can begin to get restrictions eased.

NY - still shut down until 5/15

NJ - golf courses open today (5/2) as well as public parks - some restaurants with very high restrictions

PA - golf is open -- no riding until 5/8

Once shows are opened, how many individuals will be permitted on the property? Still lots of confusion as to what will be permitted, and most importantly, safe.

Open Town Hall meeting on 5/6 - Topics to include staying safe during the re-opening process; the importance of wearing masks (not only as protection, but also a statement to others to stay 6' away); list of protocols hopefully to be completed by the end of next week - jogs, food service, EMT's - looking to set best practices while continuing to follow state regulations as local governments will also dictate. The waiver portion of the entry blank is being adjusted; as of now the horse show ban is still on track to be lifted at the end of May.

Lots of discussion on dealing with entries crossing state lines (this is a big one for us) as rules will differ from state to state. As of now Vermont is not permitting "outsiders" to cross their state lines.

Everyone must do their part to keep things open and safe.

Things to think about for horse shows:

*Ride times - assigning as in dressage shows - discussion on how to run under saddle classes still up in the air

*Schooling Areas - number permitted - sanitizers at jumps, or only specified personnel may touch standards and rails

*Porto Potties - keeping them sanitized????

*Food Service -- pre-prepared and in bags - limited work force handing out food and taking money - masks, sanitizing

*No spectators

*In-Gates

*Secretary areas

That was about it - we recommend Zooming into the town hall - there was notice sent out to register so that you will receive the link to be able to enter.

We will keep you all posted as we continue to move forward.

Any questions or ideas you'd like me to present, please let me know!!

Thanks and be well,

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