



This document is intended to help you create your own Covid 19 Operational Plan and may be used as a reference for all Disciplines organizing events. The Covid 19 restrictions change with government directives. Please check current conditions on the government page:

https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/ocmoh/cdc/content/respiratory_diseases/coronavirus/resources.html

<https://www.worksafenb.ca/media/60996/embracing-the-new-normal.pdf>

You will also find links to posters that must be printed on the government site.

After checking the current NB government information regarding Covid 19, please use the NBEA page to access other equine specific guidelines which may help you create your Covid 19 Operational Plan. The Covid 19 Risk Assessment for Sport is available on our website.

RETURN TO ACTIVITY OPERATIONS GUIDELINES COVID19

Responsibility of Organizer

These guidelines do not replace the recommendations of federal/provincial/territorial/regional or local government and health authorities which Organizers must comply with. Please refer to https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/ocmoh/cdc/content/respiratory_diseases/coronavirus/resources.html before you write your Operational Plan.

This document contains guidelines to help you create your own operational plan. This is not a legal document.

Step 1:

Complete your Risk Assessment found on the NBEA website:

<https://nbea.ca/Covid-19>

Step 2:

Write your Operational Plan. Please include equine specific information. This document will help you with consideration in developing your plan. A template for businesses is provided here: <https://www.worksafenb.ca/>

Step 3:

Send communications regarding the plan to participants, volunteers and staff.

Signs:

Post signs and posters at entrances and throughout the competition venue displaying all best practices and guidelines. Links to posters may be found here:

<https://www.worksafenb.ca/>

A sign at the entrance should state:

Anyone who has a fever, Covid 19 symptoms, has tested positive for Covid 19 or has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid 19 cannot enter the event site.

Implement a two-metre physical distance protocol. [Physical Distancing](#)

Entries:

Entries and applications should all be accepted online. Include the following screening tool in your application material and have the poster at the venue.

<https://www.worksafenb.ca/media/60944/covid-19-screening-questionnaire-english.pdf>

All applications or entries should contain contact information not only for the applicant but also for anyone accompanying them. Keep in mind the current number for people allowed to gather for an event when you are planning the number of those participating and who will be with them. Remember to include anyone else who will be at the location supporting the event at that time.

Post online and circulate via email the COVID-19 guidelines and plans in place at the event.

Have ride times posted online.

Consider having participants ride and then leave the venue in order to allow for other participants to arrive in order to stay within the government guidelines but increasing participation.

Reminder that individuals are participating at their own risk, they are liable and must take personal responsibility for the safety of others and themselves. Comply with all best practices and guidelines in effect at the event.

Remind participants that there is no sharing of supplies, horse clothing, towels, equipment or tack (including lead shanks etc.) Towels and equipment are not to be draped over fences or any other common area.

Sanitation:

Sanitize all areas that will come in contact with participants frequently.

Promote frequent handwashing. Poster: [Handwashing Poster](#) (must be posted in washrooms)

Have handwash stations readily available and equipped with running hot/cold water and adequate soap and paper towel.

Have minimum 60% alcohol-based hand sanitizer readily available. [Hand Sanitizer Poster](#)

Communicate frequently about good respiratory hygiene/cough etiquette.

Evaluate the workplace for shared objects and common areas and increase frequency of cleaning of touched surfaces/objects (minimum twice daily).

[Cleaning and Disinfection for COVID-19](#)

All equipment should be sanitized and disinfected, before and after each use, this includes radios, clocks, stop watches, whistles, computers, laptops etc.

Protection:

Compliance Assistance

Consider assigning someone to check that the operational plan is being followed and help remind participants of protocol if necessary.

The COVID-19 Compliance Assistant should be clearly identifiable onsite with a distinguishable high visibility vest and introduced to all attending at the beginning of the event.

The compliance assistant could take inventory of all supplies necessary for sanitation and biosecurity in order to maintain an adequate supply at all times.

Assign an isolation room or secure location to hold any symptomatic person found at the venue while awaiting patient transport to a medical facility

Install markers to delineate 2 meters spacing between people in the office, food area, washrooms etc. (e.g. markers on floor/ground for people in line, left or right exit indication)

Arrivals and Departures:

Have someone available to check list of those registered to attend at entrance and a person assigned to help people with parking so that there is 5 meters between trailer parking.

Give people an arrival time to avoid congestion. Post the Screening Poster at the entrance and have the person assigned at arrival entrance review it with those entering the property. Screening Poster:

<https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/h-s/pdf/ScreeningEF.pdf>

Stable Guidelines:

If stabling is provided, follow all guidelines for disinfection and social distancing.

Remind people that they must adhere to arrival times provided so that social distancing can be maintained while unloading and moving in. If everyone finishes at the same time, stagger the departure times.

Arenas:

Provide sanitizing items (spray bottles, wipes) at each participation area and schooling/warm-up area and advise all to wipe down equipment before use and wear gloves which are either disposable or may be disinfected before and after handling common equipment used by participants.

Provide mounting blocks in areas where they may be required so there will be no one giving a participant a “leg up”.

This document is intended to provide guidance. Each event location and discipline will have unique protocol in order to follow the government protocol. The NBEA encourages you to use all the tools and resources provided. More material will be provided on the NBEA Covid 19 page as we receive it but always start with current provincial government regulations found here:

https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/ocmoh/cdc/content/respiratory_diseases/coronavirus/resources.html

And

<https://www.worksafenb.ca/>