

**Great Meadow International  
COVID-19 Master Plan**

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**Definitions for Competition**

Competition/Schooling Area	Any reference to competition area or/or schooling area includes rings, arenas, fields, cross-country fields, and any other areas designated for competition, schooling or exercise purposes
Competition Organizer	Competition Organizer includes any individual or entity that acts as competition manager, licensee, and includes any designee(s) with management authority over the competition and its operations.
Competition Staff	Competition staff includes any individual who is employed or contracted by competition management. Competition staff includes, but is not limited to, ring crews, jump crews, stable crews, competition office staff, medical personnel, awards crew, in-gate

	personnel, paddock managers, announcers, licensed officials, scribes, etc.
Participants	Participants includes owners, lessees, riders, athletes, parents, vaulters, drivers, trainers, coaches, grooms, longeurs, navigators, personal care assistants (PCAs), and any other required support personnel/staff that are essential for providing care to the horses and/or the athletes.
Public/Spectators	Spectators refers to the general public, fans, or any individuals who are not directly involved in the competition by way of being a participant, a member of competition staff, a service provider (e.g. media or photographer), volunteer, or other support personnel (farrier, veterinarian, etc.).
Service Providers	Service providers are those individuals or entities who provide direct services contracted by competition management. Service providers include but are not limited to vendors, caterers, feed suppliers, photographers, videographers, media, cleaning service providers (including portable restroom service), and waste disposal personnel.
Support Personnel	support personnel are those individuals employed or contracted by Participants who are essential for providing care to horses and/or participants. Support personnel includes, but is not limited to, veterinarians, farriers, equine therapists, and braiders, etc.

### Definitions for COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

COVID-19 Incident or Outbreak	An incident is defined as a report of any COVID-19 related event or occurrence including, but not limited to, an individual who is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. An outbreak is defined as multiple COVID-19 related incidents or occurrences.
Close Contact	Close contact as defined by the CDC is someone who was within six (6) feet of an infected person unmasked for a cumulative

	<p>total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period* beginning two (2) days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, two (2) days prior to test specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated. It is important to note that close contact has occurred regardless of whether one, or both individuals is wearing a mask. (Refer to CDC FAQ).</p> <p>*Individual exposures added together over a 24-hour period (e.g., three 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes). Any person who is not fully vaccinated and who has been in close contact with an individual who is confirmed or suspected to be COVID-19-positive should quarantine in accordance with CDC Guidelines.</p>
<p>Exposure</p>	<p>Exposure is considered as having occurred when a person not fully vaccinated comes into close contact with a COVID-19-infected individual (exhibiting symptoms or confirmed by a positive test result) within a distance of six feet for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more and is unmasked and results in the need to quarantine unless the exposed individual is fully vaccinated (but those individuals must still monitor for symptoms for 14 days post-exposure). While the ideal quarantine time is still considered to be 14 days, it is recognized that a shorter quarantine period may balance significant societal burdens against the progressive smaller possibility of spreading the virus over time after exposure accordingly. An individual may discontinue quarantine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After Day 10 following close contact (exposure) without testing if no COVID-19 symptoms are present, or;</li> <li>• After Day 7 if no COVID-19 symptoms are present and after receiving a negative COVID-19 test result (testing must occur on Day 5 or later after exposure)</li> </ul> <p>After discontinuing quarantine, all individuals should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor for symptoms for 14 days after exposure</li> <li>• Immediately self-isolate if symptoms develop and contact a personal healthcare provider or public health authority</li> <li>• Wear a face mask/face covering, maintain social</li> </ul>

	distancing of at least six feet from others, and wash hands frequently
Face Masks	Any reference to face masks includes cloth face coverings, N-95, KN-95 and surgical masks. The CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain. Cloth face coverings should fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face, be secured with ties or ear loops, include multiple layers of fabric, allow for breathing without restriction and be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape.
Isolation	Separation of a person or group of people known or reasonably believed to be infected with a communicable disease and potentially infectious, from those who are not infected to prevent the spread of the communicable disease.
PPE	Personal Protection Equipment
Quarantine	Separation of a person or group of people, known or reasonably believed to have been exposed to a communicable disease but are not yet symptomatic, from others who have not yet been exposed, to prevent the possible spread of the communicable disease.
Social Distancing	Defined as avoiding congregate settings or concentration of individuals in a single area and maintaining a minimum of six feet from others unless absolutely impossible.
Symptoms	Symptoms of COVID-19 include, but are not limited to, subjective or measured fever, cough, and shortness of breath and/or difficulty breathing. Additional symptoms may include sore throat, muscle pain, headache, chills/shaking, or newly developed loss of taste or smell.
Temperature Monitoring	The daily (or alternatively defined period) non-contact body temperature testing utilizing technology that scans forehead temperature (temporal or infrared thermometer) to measure an individual's body temperature to verify no fever is present. For purposes of this document, a fever is defined as an elevated

	body temperature of 100.4°F (38°C) or higher.
Fully Vaccinated	An individual is considered to be fully vaccinated two weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer, Moderna, etc.), or two weeks after a single-dose vaccine (Johnson & Johnson).

<https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/XhKGVYiivTA/usef-covid-19-action-plan-for-operating>

### **Mandatory Requirements for Competition Organizer**

WHO Recommendations for Mass Gatherings in the context of COVID-19.

#### I. Key planning recommendations

A. Planning Phase: May 1, 2022 to August 23, 2022

Period of time the Great Meadow International (GMI) organizing team (OT) will develop the operational plan

1. OT will liaison with local Department of Health and with closest hospital to show grounds (Fauquier Health Hospital)
2. Contact person will be identified for the VDH and the hospital with a copy of this plan will be available
3. As this plan is modified, appropriate healthcare liaisons will be notified with updates
4. Specific channels of communicated will be determined between above agencies and organizers and noted in this document

#### B. WHO Risk assessment

<b>WHO Risk Assessment</b>	
Name of event	Great Meadow International
Organizer/Sponsor of meeting	Great Meadow/Five Rings Eventing
Contact Person	Darrin Mollet
Dates (Start-Finish)	August 25, 2022 to August 28, 2022
Hosting City and Country	The Plains, VA, USA
Expected number of participants?	250 competitors + support teams
International participation?	No
Current travel restrictions to host country?	No <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/international-travel-during-covid19.html#:~:text=As%20of%2012%3A01AM%20ET,before%20they%20board%20their%20flight.">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/international-travel-during-covid19.html#:~:text=As%20of%2012%3A01AM%20ET,before%20they%20board%20their%20flight.</a>

Current health prevention measures in place by host country that may affect the event (e.g. banning gatherings with more than a certain number of individuals, etc.).	No
The number of participants coming from countries or areas affected by the COVID-19 outbreak* within 14 days before the event?	None
Estimated percentage of participants who may be considered at risk (age >65, pre-existing conditions, health care workers, or other responders).	15% <a href="https://www.statista.com/statistics/457822/share-of-old-age-population-in-the-total-us-population/">https://www.statista.com/statistics/457822/share-of-old-age-population-in-the-total-us-population/</a>
Will there be Head of State/Head of Government/Ministerial or deputy ministerial involvement (number)?	No
Will there be side events in addition to the main mass gathering? Will there be different meeting sites for various events?	No
What measures are in place specifically regarding remote attendance by both participants and speakers?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mass texting to participants for updates</li> <li>2. Overhead speaker system</li> <li>3. Televised for spectators off-site</li> </ol>
Briefly, what are seen as the major impact(s) of postponement of the meeting (financial, operational, reputational, etc.)?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Financial impact to members of industry</li> <li>2. Interruption in training of athletes for upcoming international events</li> <li>3. Support for Great Meadow, a 501(c)3 foundation with a mission to “preserve open space for the equestrian and community service”</li> </ol>
Any other information relevant to the meeting that may affect the risk assessment.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Large, outdoor venue</li> <li>2. Ability to limit access to show grounds</li> <li>3. Restricted entrance points</li> <li>4. Fluidity in planning and execution</li> </ol>
<b>WHO Risk Score</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>WHO Mitigation Assessment Score</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>Overall Risk for MG</b>	<b>Very Low</b>

### C. Specific action plan for COVID-19

1. Considerations for sports federations/sports event organizers when planning mass gatherings in the context of COVID-19

<b>Key Considerations</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Risk factors and mitigation checklist</b>
Are there sports that could be a lower or higher risk?	1. Lower risk. Physical distancing possible for athletes, coaches and physical distancing for limited spectators (if allowed by event time)	Measures to be in place: 1. Daily self-health check of competitors 2. Physical distancing plans in place for competitors, officials, spectators and support staff 3. Disinfection and cleaning plans in place as appropriate for activity 4. Sharing of equipment is prohibited. Each team will need to bring own supplies 5. Closed trash containers available with sanitizing spray bottles for wipe down of lids
Size of event	1. Physical distancing of spectators in designated areas	1. Spectator are asked to monitor their temperatures daily and prior to entry into the show grounds 2. Ticket purchaser must provide contact information for contact tracing, if needed
Indoor or outdoor	1. Outdoor event (better ventilated) 2. Cross country day(s) will have one way lanes for spectators (if allowed)	1. Will follow current state of Virginia and WHO advice on physical distancing during sporting events <a href="https://www.euro.who.int/data/assets/pdf_file/0005/50285/3/sporting-event-considerations-COVID-19.pdf">https://www.euro.who.int/data/assets/pdf_file/0005/50285/3/sporting-event-considerations-COVID-19.pdf</a> <a href="https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/get-the-latest-guidance/social-gatherings/">https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/get-the-latest-guidance/social-gatherings/</a>
Venue facilities	1. Organizers are working closely with Great Meadow Foundation to follow all WHO and CDC, and VDH recommendations	1. Mitigation checklist being followed 2. A separate tent will be available for any patient awaiting patient transport to medical facility. Access will be limited to healthcare personnel on site

Demographics (age and health)	<p>1. Competitors of sporting events tend to be younger and healthier than spectators. However, some competitors, coaches, and support staff may be considered high-risk.</p> <p>2. The age and health of spectators and other support staff may vary.</p>	<p>1. See reference in mitigation checklist.</p> <p>2. All persons entering the Great Meadow grounds will be required to self-check their temperature daily in advance of physical arrival.</p>
Risk communication	<p>1. Public health advice will be available before and during the event to all participants, staff, and personnel of all relevant stakeholders.</p>	<p>1. Mitigation check list is being followed by the event organizers.</p> <p>2. Signs will be displayed to inform spectators, participants, and support staff on ways in which they can prevent themselves from getting infected with COVID-19 and passing the virus to others.</p>

2. Recommendations to event organizers

Pre-event and during event (including venues)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Handwashing, alcohol-based hand gel and hygiene facilities will be available throughout the show grounds</li> <li>• Signs will be posted throughout the show grounds with signage showing good hand hygiene.</li> <li>• EMTs are on the show grounds and available to triage and refer suspected cases for COVID-19 testing</li> <li>• Any suspected COVID-19 person will be triaged in the isolation tent by the EMTs and local hospital (Fauquier Health</li> </ul>
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	<p>Hospital) contacted for further care. Should a participant test positive, the LOC will initiate contact tracing and notify participants as appropriate for quarantine. Should quarantine become necessary, contacts will be asked to leave the show grounds and quarantine at home.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Periodic announcements along with signage through the show grounds will communicate the clinical features of COVID-19 and preventive measures, especially respiratory etiquette and hand-hygiene practices.</li> <li>• Individuals with symptoms will be asked to leave the show grounds as per USEF agreement.</li> <li>• Face coverings/medical masks are optional (as per USEF current recommendations).</li> <li>• Each participant, support staff, spectator, official, etc., will receive in advance of event, information on quarantine, self-isolation, and self-monitoring.</li> <li>• Will post signage that towels are for single use only.</li> <li>• An emergency plan has been outlined with the local department of health and the local hospital.</li> <li>• Medical masks (Level 3) will be available for medical personnel and any suspected sick individual</li> <li>• Disinfectant wipes and sprays will be available to venue staff to disinfect door handles, toilet handles, bathroom faucets handles, etc., in all areas with multiple use</li> </ul>
Pre-event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All participants (athlete, volunteer, official, food handler, etc.,) will be requested to proactively and regularly check their health status (including taking their temperature and monitoring for any symptoms).</li> <li>• Any due to participate in the event who is feeling ill will be requested to not come to the venue and will be required to advise the show manager</li> <li>• Team staff and volunteer leads will ensure that their teams and volunteers are briefed</li> </ul>

	<p>on the protocols for a suspect and confirmed patients on infections prevention and control measures and where to contact Show Organizer for further information as needed.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The following individuals are not allowed to enter the competition grounds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Anyone who exhibits COVID-19 symptoms, including a temperature of 100.4° F (38° C) or higher,</li> <li>○ Anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within last 10 days,</li> <li>○ Anyone who has tested positive outside of the past 10 days, but is still symptomatic, or</li> <li>○ Anyone who has been exposed to or has been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19 within either the last 7 or 10 days (dependent upon certain criteria - refer to CDC Quarantine Options). *Exception: Healthcare personnel who have treated patients using appropriate medical-grade PPE during the course of performing professional duties and those individuals who are fully vaccinated are exempted from this quarantine restriction.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.greatmeadowinternational.com/visitors">https://www.greatmeadowinternational.com/visitors</a></p>
<p>During the Event</p>	<p>Anyone who exhibits COVID-19 symptoms, including a temperature of 100.4° F (38° C) or higher, o Anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within last 10 days, o Anyone who has tested positive outside of the past 10 days, but is still symptomatic. *Anyone who has been exposed to or has been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19 within either the last 7 or 10 days (dependent upon certain criteria - refer to CDC Quarantine Options). *Exception: Healthcare personnel</p>

	<p>who have treated patients using appropriate medical-grade PPE during the course of performing professional duties and those individuals who are fully vaccinated are exempted from this quarantine restriction. o Refer to Appendix A for Self-Isolation/Self-Quarantine Directives in the event a person has a fever or exhibits other symptoms of COVID-19. **Please reference Participant requirements regarding Participant temperature monitoring responsibilities.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participants will be made aware of the expectation to cooperate with the event organizing staff and EMTs and to take their own and support staff temperatures each day and record same. This information will remain with each team unless a temperature above 38°C (100.4°F) is recorded which must then be reported to LOC/EMTs.</li> <li>• Everyone on the show grounds will be encouraged to wash their hands often with soap and water. Periodic overhead announcements will be made and signage will be available throughout the show grounds along with strategically placed hand washing stations.</li> <li>• Athletes will be required to be self-sustaining and self-sufficient and will not be allowed to share personal items, equipment or other items of a commonly shared nature (i.e., water hoses, stall cleaning items, etc.).</li> <li>• Social distancing will be encouraged and hand shaking, “high-fives”, hugging, and other demonstrations of congratulations and affection will be discourage among attendees.</li> </ul>

3. Capacity and resource assessment

- a. Local health resources will be contacted to determine appropriate risk-mitigations actions during and after the event
- b. Event organizers will discuss capacity with local healthcare resources to determine specific COVID-19 risk-mitigation actions that arise from the risk assessment (i.e., limiting or eliminating spectators, limiting number of attendees, etc.)

c. Capacity and resources will be coordinated with the public health authority and health service provider to avoid duplication or gaps.

4. Risk communication and community engagement plan

a. Event organizers and the local public health authority will develop a plan on how participants and the local population will be kept informed about the health situation, key developments, and any relevant advice and recommendations and actions.

II. Operational Phase: August 23, 2022 to August 28, 2022

Period of time operational plan will be in effect.

There is no published experiential data specific to planning and implementing a mass gathering during the current COVID-19 outbreak. However, arrangements must be in place to ensure regular communications between event organizers and the public health authority. [Key planning recommendations for mass gatherings in the context of COVID-19 \(who.int\)](#)

A. Risk communication

1. Key messages for the local healthcare officials and even participants will be coordinated and consistent.

2. Should an unusual event occur; participants will be notified either via overhead announcement or via text message and local healthcare officials will be notified via pre-determined communication.

a. Messaging will include:

- an overall assessment of the local risk;
- advice on preventive measures, especially respiratory etiquette and hand hygiene practices;
- advice about how to access local health care if necessary, including how to do so without creating a risk to health care workers;
- advice on self-isolation and not attending the event if symptoms develop;
- information about disease signs and symptoms, including warning signs of severe disease that require immediate medical attention;
- advice on self-monitoring for symptoms and signs for participants travelling from affected countries, including checking their temperature;
- information that WHO does not currently recommend quarantine for healthy travelers or other travel restrictions;

- information that wearing a face mask is recommended for participants who have respiratory symptoms (for example, cough); it is not recommended for healthy participants.

[Key planning recommendations for mass gatherings in the context of COVID-19 \(who.int\)](#)

#### B. Surveillance of participants

1. Detection and monitoring of event-related COVID-19 will be considered in the context of surveillance schemes that are already in place and if new or enhanced surveillance is deemed necessary.
2. Organizers will work with local public health authorities to ensure that systems are in place to identify indicators of illness arising in the local population or in event participants, such as increases in the number of people experiencing symptoms.
3. Surveillance systems will operate in real time or near-real time to support rapid response actions.
4. Surveillance systems will be linked to risk assessments, so that any abnormal signal in the surveillance systems triggers an immediate revision of the risk assessment.

#### C. Testing and diagnostic arrangements

1. Organizing Team will coordinate with local healthcare authorities should a PUI (Person Under Investigation) be identified and transfer and testing plans will be identified.

#### D. Treatment facilities

1. A specific COVID-19 isolation area will be identified in the event an individual on the show grounds develop symptoms with the need to wait for a health assessment. PPE (personal protection equipment) will be available to the healthcare workers on the show grounds.
2. Should any individual on the show grounds become unwell during the event, all healthcare decisions will be under the guidance of the EMTs and local healthcare agency personnel.
3. Local healthcare ability to care for individuals requiring intensive care and ventilator management will be part of this prepared document.

#### E. Decision-making

1. In collaboration with local health authorities, organizers should also agree in advance the circumstances in which risk-mitigation measures would need to be enhanced or the event postponed or cancelled. Prior agreement on potential trigger points will facilitate these discussions if they become necessary.

[Key planning recommendations for mass gatherings in the context of COVID-19 \(who.int\)](#)

- F. Operational practices for reducing event-related transmission of the COVID-19 virus
1. People will be advised to not attend the event should they feel ill
  2. Proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette will be promoted through announcements and signage. Riders are responsible for their team members who do not understand English.
  3. Soap and water stations and alcohol-based hand sanitizer and tissues will be available at strategic spots around the show grounds as well as available through the EMTs (supplied by the OT).
  4. People who become ill during the event will be isolated and will trigger the agreed upon healthcare plan identified with the local healthcare authorities.

III. Post-event Phase: August 28, 2020 and onward

A debriefing will occur with select participants, support staff and organizers

A. After the event

1. Event organizers will update local healthcare authorities of anyone seeking medical attention. Any positive COVID-19 test results will be forwarded to appropriate governing bodies (USEF, CDC, etc.).
2. Event organizers will meet post event to debrief.
3. Copies of this plan, with post-event updates, will be made available to proper authorities and governing bodies upon request

WHO continues to monitor the situation closely for any changes that may affect this interim guidance. Should any factors change, WHO will issue a further update and this document will be modified. Otherwise, this interim guidance document will expire 2 years after the date of publication. <https://apps.who.int/iris/handle/10665/331764>

I. Considerations for postponing or cancelling a mass gathering:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The overall number of attendees</li> </ul>	<p>The OT will have measures in place to reduce the risk of person-to-person contact to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of people attending who are at greater risk of more</li> </ul>	<p>1. Competitors of sporting events tend to be younger and healthier than spectators However, some competitors, coaches, and support staff may be consider high-risk</p>

serious illness after contracting COVID-19	2. The age and health of spectators and other support staff may vary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The density of attendees within a confined space</li> </ul>	1. This is an outdoor event (better ventilated)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The potential economic impact to participants, attendees, staff and the larger community.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The event organizers will have a plan in place with local healthcare authorities.</li> <li>The plan will take into consideration the capacity of local healthcare agencies.</li> </ol>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The level of transmission in the local community and the level of transmission in the area from which the attendees will travel.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As of the date of this document (7/27/2022), the local area (Fauquier County) has 14,397 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 152 deaths. Virginia overall has 1.95M confirmed cases and 20,905 deaths.  <a href="https://usafacts.org/visualizations/coronavirus-covid-19-spread-map/state/virginia/county/fauquier-county">https://usafacts.org/visualizations/coronavirus-covid-19-spread-map/state/virginia/county/fauquier-county</a> </li> </ol>

II. Steps to plan, prepare, and proceed with a mass gathering

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet with the emergency operations coordinator or planning team at your venues</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The OT works closely with the Great Meadow foundation staff</li> <li>The OT will have an emergency plan in place with the local healthcare authorities</li> </ol>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish relationships with key community partners and stakeholders</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key partners for this venue is the Virginia Department of Health, Fauquier Health Hospital and the responsible EMTs on site during the event</li> <li>Plans with be developed and attached to this document prior to the start of the event</li> <li>Other important partners (vendors, equipment operators, volunteers, etc., will have this document available to them onsite.</li> <li>Special considerations will be in place for key set-up and take-down stakeholders (sanitizing measures, distancing measures, etc.)</li> </ol>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote the daily practice of everyday preventive actions.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preventive measures are based on WHO and CDC guidelines</li> </ol>