# A MESSAGE FROM HOLLYWOOD CASINO AT CHARLES TOWN RACES AND THE CHARLES TOWN HBPA

We are currently experiencing an unprecedented situation where our main goal is simply to maintain the health and safety of those around us. The CT HBPA, in cooperation with HCCTR, reminds all horsemen that our ability to work together to follow the CDC recommendation of social distancing is our best chance to minimize the spread of COVID-19. We have received reports of individuals failing to practice social distancing while on the property. We have had reports of people telling others they have been exposed to the virus yet chose not to self-quarantine. This type of behavior seriously hinders the ability to limit the spread of the virus in our community and therefore requires disciplinary action for failure to act responsibly and follow CDC guidelines.

Effective immediately, failure to adhere to the following policies will result in ejection from the grounds.

#### **FACE AND NOSE COVERINGS**

 Anyone on the grounds to participate in training or caring of their horses must always wear a protective covering over their nose and mouth. Trainers are responsible to ensure that their help complies with this protocol.

#### **CONGREGATING IN GROUPS**

Congregating in a group is prohibited. Individuals found to be congregating will be given one warning.

### POSITIVE TEST OR EXPOSURE TO COVID-19

- Anyone testing positive for or knowingly being exposed to the COVID-19 virus must self-report to
  HCCTR Security and will be forced to leave the grounds for a period of 14 days. Permission to renter
  the grounds will only be granted back after showing a doctor's note that they have tested negative or
  are safe to resume activities around the public. Failure to self-report will be considered dangerous to
  others and not adhering to policies.
- Everyone working in a barn that has been inhabited by someone who has been in the barn the past 72 hours and tests positive or has knowingly been exposed to the COVID-19 virus will be required to leave the grounds for a minimum of 14 days and will only be permitted back upon presenting a doctor's note that they have tested negative or are safe to resume activities around the public. Simply put, inappropriate actions of one person can and will shut down a whole barn.
- Anyone forced from the grounds for these reasons will be required to procure someone permitted on the grounds to care for the horses remaining that are your responsibility.

## **REPORTING INCIDENTS**

 Everyone has a duty to report people not adhering to these policies or other CDC Guidelines related to COVID-19. People not reporting these instances to HCCTR Security or the Charles Town HBPA will be looked at as dangerous to others and not adhering to the policies themselves.

We know these protocols may seem extreme, but if we'd like to get back to racing sooner than later, they are necessary. Any spread in the barn area at Charles Town Races will severely hurt our ability to resume racing. We are hopeful that these measures will convince the State Health Officials that we are operating in an environment to stop the spread of COVID-19 and get back to racing. Everyone is responsible for continuing to stop the spread and follow the practices from the Center for Disease Control. Please be mindful that it's everyone's duty to follow the practices provided here.

We appreciate everyone's efforts to try and keep themselves and others as safe as possible during these trying times.

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