



OPERATION PROCEDURES
(COVID-19 BEST PRACTICES AND MITIGATION)
2021 RACE MEET

OWNERS/TRAINERS ATTEMPTING TO CIRCUMVENT THE RULES CONTAINED HEREIN, OR OTHERWISE POSTED BY MONMOUTH PARK, WILL IMMEDIATELY HAVE THEIR STALLS REVOKED AND THEIR ENTRIES REFUSED FOR THE ENTIRE 2021 MONMOUTH PARK MEETING. ANYONE ATTEMPTING TO CIRCUMVENT THE RULES CONTAINED HEREIN, OR OTHERWISE POSTED BY MONMOUTH PARK, ARE SUBJECT TO EJECTION FOR NO LESS THAN THE 2021 RACING SEASON

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OVERVIEW

- Monmouth Park will continue to enforce all Federal and State mandates and recommendations pertaining to COVID-19.

BACKSTRETCH/STABLE AREA

- Access to the backstretch/stabling area will be strictly limited to the following: licensed trainers with horses stabled in the stable area and a reduced number of designated employees (e.g., grooms, hotwalkers, exercise riders, foremen, night watchmen, etc.).
- Additionally, the following personnel **MAY** be granted access to the stable area: (1) veterinarians and their employees, (2) farriers, (3) feed companies, (4) tack companies, (5) benevolence employees, (6) emergency medical staff including, physicians, nurses, EMTs and paramedics, (7) transportation company employees, (8) jockeys, and any other individuals deemed essential to stable area operations by the racetrack's senior racing officials in consultation with public health experts.
- Until further notice, all persons on the Monmouth Park backstretch are required to wear a face covering, unless able to socially distance or within offices or dorm rooms.
- Strict compliance to social distance guidelines must be adhered to at all times. When feasible, anyone working inside barns and stalls shall be spaced out at least one stall apart to ensure proper distancing.
- Trainers are to designate a main contact person between their barn and veterinarians, farriers and other individuals who necessarily have business at the barn.
- A bucket or buckets of soap and water should be continuously available for hand washing or rinsing; however, it must be changed regularly if dirt or manure get in same.

- Horsemen not already stabled on the grounds and shipping horses for race day are encouraged to make prearrangements with a trainer currently stabled on the grounds to accept custody of their horse upon entering the Monmouth Park stable area. The trainer's responsibility rule will remain in full force and effect even after transfer, at the New Jersey Racing Commission's discretion.
- Notwithstanding the previous paragraph, and at management's discretion, horsemen may ship to and be stabled in the stakes barn, no less than one stall apart. Handlers will follow all protocols as outlined in this procedure's manual. Stakes barn stalls and surrounding areas will be sanitized after each use. Any person shipping into Monmouth Park must produce evidence of full vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test within 48 hours of arrival.
- Individuals who utilize Monmouth Park's dormitory space will be provided with masks and hand sanitizer upon their arrival and same will be replenished on a regular basis.
- Dormitory shower and bathroom facilities shall be utilized on a one at a time basis.

JOCKEY'S QUARTERS/RIDING

- All jockey's and valets are strongly encouraged to receive full vaccination as soon as possible.
- **EACH** jockey will be provided with their own individual dressing space.
- Riders who are "shipping in" for individual races and have not ridden at Monmouth Park on the previous day, who have not been fully vaccinated, will be allocated space apart from the regular riders and must produce proof of a negative COVID-19 test within 48 hours of their first scheduled mount.

- All jockeys, when not in their individually provided space, are required to wear a face covering, including pre-race and post-race. Riders are permitted to lower their face covering upon entering the starting gate; however, face coverings must be immediately utilized as soon as practical upon crossing the finish line.
- Female riders will utilize the female jockey's quarters under the same terms as the men's jockey quarters.
- Shower room use must comply with social distancing.
- Jockey's valets will have individual workstations in the jockey's quarters, at least six feet apart.

PADDOCK

- Only horses, their handler(s) and necessary racetrack personnel will be permitted in the paddock.
- Touchless hand sanitizers will be at all entrances/exits to the paddock.

WINNER'S CIRCLE

- Only horses, their handler(s) and necessary racetrack personnel will be permitted in the winner's circle.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

- Only necessary personnel will be permitted in the administration building.
- Masks must be worn at all times when not in individual offices.
- Employees are to be kept six feet apart and will incorporate best practices to ensure six feet separation.
- All entries must be made telephonically. All draws will take place outdoors.

STARTING GATE/OUTRIDERS/PONY PERSONNEL

- Starting gate staff, outriders and pony personnel are strongly encouraged to receive full vaccination. When unable to socially distance, they are required to wear masks.

