

## Pegasus Project Re-Opening Plan

Pegasus Project's mission is to provide horseback riding lessons and other equine related activities to children and adults with special needs to improve their overall health and well-being. We work with an average of 50 participants each week, to help them gain mental and physical benefits such as increased core-strength, improved balance and coordination, an increase in self-confidence, and so much more. We are a Premier Accredited center through the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship, and because of this we already have a plethora of facility and safety standards implemented.

We normally have up to four participants in a one-hour lesson, with some of those participants needing assistance from volunteers walking on each side of their horse to help them with directions and physically to make sure they keep their balance on the horse. Many of our participants also require help from their instructor to mount and dismount from the horse. Our plan is to re-open in three stages; first stage allows independent riders to begin lessons. Stage 2 will allow riders who require only one volunteer. Stage 3 will involve all our participants, including those with up to 3 volunteers assisting them.

Lessons will be held outdoors as much as possible. While we are in the indoor arena, we will keep doors open and as much ventilation as possible, weather permitting.

We plan to start back up with our Stage 3 of lessons, with all participants, on October 26, 2020. All participants, volunteers, and staff will be required to wear a mask during lessons and when in the arena building. Independent riders and those with only a horse leader may remove their mask once mounted on the horse, as they can maintain proper distancing from everyone else. Riders with side walkers must keep their mask on during lessons. Social distancing will be practiced whenever possible. In an instance where it cannot be maintained, everyone will be wearing masks, and all proper safety protocol will have been completed beforehand.

COVID-19 Supervisor: Jené Pleger, Executive Director

Duties: Oversee that all procedures in our re-opening plan are being carried out on a daily basis. Check-in with staff at beginning of their shift to make sure no symptoms are present.

### PPE:

All Staff, volunteers, and riders/family members are required to wear a mask when in the facility. Instructors are not required to wear a mask while teaching lessons so that they can clearly communicate, but they are required to wear one while assisting with mounting or dismounting because they cannot keep 6 feet of distance. Independent riders and those with a horse leader only are not required to wear a mask while on horseback since they can maintain proper distancing. Riders with a sidewalker must keep their mask on the entire lesson. Horse Leader volunteers may take their mask off once in the arena if they are not walking with sidewalkers, as long as they are not in close contact with

their rider (as it is difficult to walk in the dirt for an entire lesson with a mask on!). Staff may take mask off if working alone in their office or alone outside/in the barn.

Employees have been given a re-usable washable mask. Extra disposable masks are located in the first aid cabinet in the arena.

#### Hand washing:

Every person must wash hands in the restroom immediately upon entering the building. Riders, staff and volunteers are also encouraged to use hand sanitizer when entering the arena. There is hand sanitizer located on the front desk in the office, and also the arena wall as you enter the dirt arena through the man-door.

#### Tack/ Equipment:

Reins will be changed out between riders and cleaned at the end of the day. Tack will be wiped down with leather cleaner wipes between riders. Horses will be tacked by staff with minimal volunteer help. All grooming brushes, etc will be disinfected when the horse is done with lessons for the day.

\*\*Please note – there is no way to effectively sanitize organic material such as leather without damaging it. Because of this, we will clean saddles between riders, but please be aware that they will not be sanitized/disinfected. \*\*

#### Visitors:

Limit visitors who come with their rider to one parent/caretaker. Visitors will wait in their cars until 5 minutes before their lesson is set to begin – they will not be allowed to wait inside the arena if they arrive earlier for their lesson. All visitors must wear a mask while in the building and arena.

All visitors will be screened with the daily checklist when they arrive at Pegasus each day by either the Executive Director or Program Coordinator. Riders and volunteers MUST cancel if they have a fever, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle aches, or new loss of taste or smell.

Volunteers: When signing in and out in the Volunteer Log, please either use your own pen, or discard your clean pen into the “used” container after you have used it so we can sanitize.

We will keep an attendance log of all riders electronically on a weekly basis to track all visitors coming on to the property.

Any visitors who are not volunteers or a parent/caretaker of a rider MUST sign in on the Visitor’s log on the front office desk. Please put your pen in the “used” container after you use it so we can sanitize.

### Cleaning:

The office will be professionally cleaned every other Monday. Frequently touched surfaces will be disinfected twice a day (light switches, door handles, etc) at noon and 7 pm when lessons are done for the day by a staff member appointed by the Executive Director. The viewing areas where parents/caretakers sit will be sanitized between each lesson.

Doors will be left open when possible so that handles are not touched as frequently. Helmets will be sprayed with disinfectant between riders (as always). Riders are encouraged to bring their own personal helmet if possible.

### Health & Safety:

Everyone must maintain 6 feet social distancing when possible.

Employees will be screened with the daily check-list at the beginning of each shift for any symptoms by the Executive Director, and no one will be allowed on the property if they have a fever, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle aches, or new loss of taste or smell, or have been exposed to anyone with a positive COVID-19 test in the last 14 days.

There will be a 15 minute break between all lesson times to give us time to clean and to stagger visitors on the property.

If a participant, volunteer, staff person or any support person or family member thereof has been in contact with a person or persons who have either tested positive for COVID-19 or shown symptoms of COVID-19, or they themselves have been placed under quarantine for a positive test or for symptoms, they will need a negative COVID test and to be symptom-free for 24 hours without medications before they can return to Pegasus Project.

### Tuition & Donation Payments:

Please use the links on the bottom of our website homepage ([www.pegasusrides.com](http://www.pegasusrides.com)) to pay tuition or to make a donation so that we can refrain from handling any cash at this time. If you must pay by cash or check, please drop it in the black payment box in the arena.

All staff, volunteers and participant families will be sent our re-opening plan prior to coming back to Pegasus, and will be made aware of any new safety and health requirements we have implemented.

Pegasus Project COVID-19 Liability Release

(all employees, volunteers, and riders or legal guardian of rider if under 18 must sign to return to Pegasus Project)

I hereby waive any liability of Pegasus Project, it's Board of Directors, staff, participants, and volunteers in the event that I develop symptoms of, or receive a diagnosis of, COVID-19. I understand that I am entering the facilities of Pegasus Project, located at 4680 Hwy 12 Yakima, WA 98908 at my own risk. I understand that due to the nature of therapeutic riding lessons, there may be instances where social distancing cannot be practiced. I have read through the entire Re-Opening plan, and acknowledge that Pegasus Project is doing their best to keep everyone safe and healthy.

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Signature

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Role at Pegasus Project

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Printed Name

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