

GaitWay works with many individuals who are immunocompromised and therefore safety is our top priority. Please consider these individuals when making difficult decisions about attending lessons following potential exposure or possible illness within your household. If your rider or someone in your home has felt unwell, displayed symptoms of COVID-19, or has had a temperature above 99.5 we ask that all household members stay home until they have been symptom-free without medication for at least 24 hours.

Below are GaitWay’s most current guidelines for COVID-19 safety. Due to the increased vulnerability of many of our clients, GaitWay’s policies are slightly stricter than those set forth by the Center for Disease Control (CDC). For a complete list of all possible COVID-19 symptoms, please refer to the [CDC website](#).

If you have tested positive for COVID-19 with either an at-home or clinical test and have ANY symptoms, regardless of vaccination status...
(Day 1 is the first full-day of symptoms.)

Stay home for 10 days.

- After day 10 if you have been symptom-free without medication for at least 24 hours, then you may return to GaitWay with no further restrictions.
- If after 10 days you still have symptoms, you may not return until you have been symptom-free without medication for at least 24 hours.

If you have tested positive for COVID-19 with either an at-home or clinical test and do NOT have any symptoms, regardless of vaccination status...
(Day 1 is the day the positive test was taken.)

| <u>Clients</u> | <u>Volunteers and Visitors</u> | <u>Staff</u> |
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| Stay home for 5 days. After day 5 you may return with a mask on at all times and only participate in private lessons (scheduling will be contingent on openings). | Stay home for 10 days. | Stay home for 5 days. After day 5 you may return with a mask on at all times (except in completely open areas such as paddocks or pastures) but may not engage in any direct client work until after day 10. |

If at any point during the 10 days following your positive COVID-19 test you develop symptoms, please refer to the guidelines for testing positive with symptoms.

If you develop any COVID-19 symptoms (regardless of vaccination status)...

Stay home and take a clinical test as soon as possible after the onset of symptoms.

- If your test comes back positive then refer to the guidelines for testing positive with symptoms.
- If your test comes back negative then you may return once you have been symptom-free without medication for at least 24 hours.

| <p>If you have been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19 and ... <i>(Day 1 is the first full date after last contact with the person who has tested positive.)</i></p> | | |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are unvaccinated • Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine over 6 months ago and are not boosted • Completed the primary series of J&J over 2 months ago and are not boosted | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have been boosted • Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months • Completed the primary series of J&J vaccine within the last 2 months • Had confirmed COVID-19 (via clinical, viral test) within the past 90 days. |
| Clients | Stay home for 5 days. If a negative test ¹ is produced after day 5 you may return with a mask on at all times and only participate in private lessons (scheduling will be contingent on openings) until after day 10. | You may continue to come with a mask on at all times and only participate in private lessons (scheduling will be contingent on openings) until either 10 days after exposure or a negative test ² is produced). |
| Volunteers & Visitors | Stay home for 5 days. If a negative test ¹ is produced after day 5 you may return with a mask on at all times and only work with non-immunocompromised clients until after day 10. | |
| Staff | Stay home for 5 days. If a negative test ¹ is produced after day 5 you may return to work with a mask on at all times (except in completely open areas such as paddocks or pastures) until after day 10. | You may continue to come with a mask on at all times (except in completely open areas such as paddocks or pastures) and may not participate in direct client work. After 5 days, if a negative test ² is produced, you may return to direct client work with a mask until after day 10. |
| <p><i>If at any point during the 10 days following your exposure you develop symptoms or test positive for COVID-19, please refer to the appropriate guidelines above.</i></p> | | |

Testing Guidelines:

¹Only lab performed test results will be accepted.

²At-home test results *MAY* be accepted if two tests of the same type/brand are taken on day 5 and all produce negative results.

As more individuals become vaccinated, infection numbers fluctuate, and the CDC updates their recommendations these procedures and restrictions may be updated. We will send out an email to all parents any time there is a change in policy. **It is your responsibility to make sure you have a working email on file with GaitWay and to change your email settings appropriately to ensure that emails from the “gaitway.org” domain are not filtered into junk email folders or other places where they are not easily viewed.** Please contact Brianna LeBlanc at (225) 319-7344 if you need to change the email on file with GaitWay.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up

Children 13 and under must have someone stay with them for the lesson but that individual may stay in their vehicle if they wish. Any rider 14 and older may be dropped off or drive themselves.

There is no limit to the number of guests that may accompany a rider to their lesson, but we do ask that there be no more than two visitors per rider in the barn by the grooming stalls at any one time to prevent unnecessary crowding.

Masks

Masks are required in the following situations:

- Following the exposure or diagnosis of COVID-19 (see charts above)
- When instructed to do so by GaitWay staff to accommodate an immunocompromised rider.

Additional GaitWay Safety Procedures

- No staff or volunteers will be permitted to work on-site with a temperature of 99.6 or higher.
- All tack will be sanitized after each use.
- The barn, restrooms, welcome center, tack room, and office will be sanitized thoroughly at the end of every day.
- Everyone will be asked to wash their hands upon arrival at GaitWay as well as before and after every riding session in which they participate.
- We will continue to model and teach riders how to safely cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or elbows. We will help riders remember to wash their hands after touching their face or covering their coughs and sneezes.
- Any parent who would like for staff and volunteers to be masked all times (regardless of vaccination status) around their rider can submit their request to the office at any time.

Potential for Cancellations

All of our instructors are vaccinated and actively practice safe guidelines to limit potential exposure to COVID-19. However, if one of our instructors does become infected we will do everything we can to either reschedule their lessons or have them covered by another eligible instructor. Riders will be notified as soon as possible of any changes to the schedule or cancellations. We appreciate your patience as we strive to continue our mission while keeping our staff, volunteers, and clients as safe as possible.

To encourage safe practices, we are waiving our rider cancellation fees for the spring 2022 semester, but still ask that you alert our staff as soon as possible about any lessons you cannot attend so that we can rearrange staff, volunteers, and horses appropriately.