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Dear NEC Dressage and Western Dressage Exhibitors,

Effective March 16, 2020, the United States Equestrian Federation suspended its licenses for all USEF events scheduled through April 14, 2020 and encouraged equestrians not to compete during this 30-day period. As of today, there have been no published adjustments to this USEF policy, and therefore, the NEC has *not* cancelled its USEF/USDF April at the Arch I & II shows nor its USEF LITE Show Me Series I Western Dressage Show, both scheduled for April 18-19, 2020.

With the on-going pro-active measures to slow the spread of COVID-19, we continue to adhere to local and state mandates issued for the health and safety of the public, and we continue to follow closely all updates shared by nationally governing bodies, both federal and equestrian. Should changes in orders, policies or conditions affecting the health and safety of our exhibitors occur, NEC will revisit the status of our upcoming Dressage Shows and communicate any alterations to our plans.

In the interim, we encourage everyone to remain cautious and informed. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to COVID-19, so please take steps to protect yourself:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow (throw used tissues in the trash; immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds)
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Put distance between yourself and other people, greater than 6' where possible
- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care
- Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks
- For more information, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>

The NEC is committed to supporting the strength and vitality of our unique and exciting equestrian community during this particularly challenging time, and we look forward to making amazing and memorable events with you soon.

Best regards,

Dana Ferris, Facility Director