



State of Indiana Indiana Horse Racing Commission

Eric Holcomb, Governor

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IHRC Advisory Notice to Horsemen

July 29, 2020

Indiana Governor Holcomb's Statewide Face Mask Requirement continues...

Attention Horsemen:

On Wednesday, July 22, 2020, Governor Eric Holcomb noted in his public update that there has been a rise in COVID-19 positivity across the state of Indiana – June 18th had a 4.5% positive rate; July 4th saw an increase to 6.5%; and a few more weeks into July (July 21st) showed an uptick to 6.8%. Some counties which early on had minimal positive cases, are now reporting regular double-digit COVID-19 cases; and our surrounding states are all experiencing increases in positive cases as well.

The message from today's July 29th update: **Stay vigilant and don't let your guard down.**

As most of you already know, Governor Holcomb has enacted a statewide mandate requiring facial coverings or masks to be worn in an enclosed public space, as well as *outdoor spaces when adequate social distancing cannot take place*. We would like to remind horsemen participating in racing at **Harrah's Hoosier Park, Indiana Grand Racetrack** and any *county fair programs* that they are required to adhere to this mandate.

Please be mindful of the following:

- Face coverings will be required when entering any building. If in doubt and if social distancing is not possible, please wear your mask.
- Practice social distancing (a minimum of six feet) between you and other horsemen. If you are **not** practicing social distancing, you will be required to wear a mask or facial covering, even if it is outdoors. If you choose to not 'mask up' and you're parked (truck or gator) or lined up next to one another watching a horse work, SOCIAL DISTANCE! If you're standing on the racetrack apron near the race finish line without a mask, practice SOCIAL DISTANCING!
- Please remember that anyone entering the test barn must have a mask or facial covering on, even if you're simply walking in and out to pick up equipment.
- Facial coverings or masks must cover both your nose and mouth while in the test barn.

Your support of these requirements helps to ensure our ability to continue to offer live racing opportunities in Indiana. We appreciate your patience and cooperation.

Governor Holcomb's Executive Order 20-37 requiring face coverings can be viewed at <https://www.in.gov/gov/2384.htm>.