

# WNF COVID-19 Update - 03/22/2020

Dear friends of Wacky Nut Farm,

Thank you all for your consideration during these uncertain times. We'd like to assure you that the horses here at Wacky Nut are receiving the same care that they've grown accustomed to. Our staff is healthy, and everyone is doing a fantastic job of adapting to the new guidelines and keeping the barn sanitized and ventilated.

We are continuing to monitor the situation here on the island, and around the world. As of March 21, it was reported that there are 15 confirmed cases in Kitsap County with 4 of those on Bainbridge Island.

In order for us to be successful in limiting the spread of the virus, we want to express the importance of these policies, and what it could mean if we don't all follow them. ***We are requiring EVERYONE to do ALL of this going forward, not just most people or most of the time.*** Failure to follow these guidelines puts our staff and trainers at greater risk, and we all really need them here at the farm. Should we deem it necessary, we will put the health of our staff and trainers, ***and therefore your horse's care***, above all else by limiting attendance at the farm to essential personnel only.

Below are new implementations to our [Response Plan](#), based on what we've observed over the past week:

1. **Gloves are now mandatory for everyone at the farm at all times. See below for exceptions:**
  - a. **Anytime water is involved, gloves can be off (bathing a horse, cleaning tack, etc)...but the hoses/faucet/etc should be wiped down w/ bleach**
2. **Barn doors are to be kept open at all times during operating hours, including:**
  - a. **T-section (Inside & Outside)**
  - b. **Tack room (Both ends)**
  - c. **Kitchen**

3. **Towels and a spray bottle of bleach are provided in the T-section.**
  - a. **Place used towels directly into the washer, do not mix towels with regular laundry in/around hamper**
4. **Please continue to follow our previously published guidelines here**
  - a. [WNF-COVID-19-Update-03\\_16\\_2020.pdf](#)

If you are a regular visitor of the farm and you or anyone close to you is feeling ill, please let us know immediately, and follow the recommended guidelines for self-isolation.

We will continue to monitor the situation, and will update you all with any changes as they arise. In the meantime, please be safe out there and know that we are taking excellent care of all our four-legged friends here at Wacky Nut Farm.

Wishing you all the best,  
The WNF Management Team

**Additional Resources:**

COBI Updates - <https://www.bainbridgewa.gov/1213/COVID-19>

CDC Prevention Guide - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>

Google Tips - <https://www.google.com/search?q=coronavirus+tips&fbx=dothefive>