



POLICIES:

COVID-19 WAIVER

All participants must have a current COVID-19 waiver signed on file before volunteering or riding.

The Mounted Angels COVID-19 Waiver will be provided to all volunteers and riders prior to the first riding lesson. These will be either emailed, posted on social, or mailed to be returned to Mounted Angels by the scheduled riding lesson. These will be kept in the volunteer or rider folders with all other documentation.

TRAINING

In addition to our volunteer training for regular riding and safety procedures, volunteers must also be trained in COVID-19 procedures and precautions. Volunteers will receive formal training through a COVID-19 friendly method vs. in person. The training materials will be sent via PowerPoint with a follow up quiz to ensure the training was complete. We will use Google Classroom to facilitate these trainings.

Educating volunteers/riders/families

Mounted Angels will post COVID-19 precautions and guidelines for riders and families to view at lessons as well as online to encourage safety during and outside of riding lessons.

Utilize forms available on CDC website and/or Illinois COVID precautions sites to educate in attempts to reduce risk for contracting the virus. Post forms at the check-in area at each riding lesson and by the designated observation areas. Mounted Angels will share forms and COVID-19 precautions on social media to encourage Mounted Angels supporters to do their part in limiting the spread.

SIGNS OR SYMPTOMS

All participants (volunteers and riders) must agree to follow all CDC recommended guidelines limiting exposure to the Coronavirus/COVID-19. All participants must answer the COVID-19 symptoms and contact questions prior to all riding lessons. All participants must agree to follow guidance of the local public health department if an exposure incident occurs.

Upon arrival a designated volunteer will ask all participants the COVID-19 related questions prior to entering the arena area.

All volunteers, and riders will not attend if any of the following applies:

- experiencing any symptom of illness such as cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell.
- traveled internationally within the last 14 days.
- traveled to a highly impacted area within the United States of America in the last 14 days.
- believe I have been exposed to someone with a suspected and/or confirmed case of the Coronavirus/COVID-19.
- have been diagnosed with Coronavirus/Covid-19 and not yet cleared as non-contagious by state or local public health authorities.

If any volunteer, or rider identifies any of the listed symptoms of COVID-19, Mounted Angels will encourage them to contact their healthcare professional for guidance. Those individuals with symptoms will not be permitted to participate.

PHYSICAL DISTANCE

All volunteers, riders and guests must maintain at least 6 feet distance whenever possible. Face covering will be worn at all times. Mounted Angels will post a sign at the check-in area stating the requirement of 6-feet physical distancing of all participants including spectators of the riding lessons. Individual participants are responsible to maintain 6-feet when possible. Mounted Angels volunteers will remind each other and riders of this policy.

During lessons:

- Side walkers and horse handlers will have a role which will be within the 6 feet physical distancing of the rider.
- Instructors will remain at least 6 feet away from the rider, whenever possible.
- Mounting, dismounting and issuing protective equipment all will be done in less than 15-minutes so that it is within the guidelines of limiting exposure.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

All volunteers, riders and guests must wear a face covering, fully covering the nose and mouth. Participants at higher risk for respiratory distress that could be exacerbated by wearing a face covering during riding should be excluded from participation. Participants with higher risk for respiratory distress should not be allowed to participate without wearing appropriate face covering. Face coverings will be provided for those who arrive without the proper PPE. If deemed necessary a rider may be issued a face shield to be worn with their helmet to ensure face coverings are worn.

Mounted Angels will post a sign at the check-in area stating the requirement of face coverings of all participants including spectators of the riding lessons.

Instructors will be permitted to wear a clear face shield while instructing so that visual facial cues can be seen by the rider for clear instruction.

DISINFECT/SANITIZE

Hand sanitizer available for all: volunteers, riders, and guests.

Disinfectant spray must be used to disinfect and sanitize all equipment between uses.

Mounted Angels Volunteers will ensure all commonly used areas are disinfected regularly, including but not limited to: the check-in area, designated observation areas, water cooler, etc.

Mounted Angels Volunteers will ensure all therapeutic riding equipment is disinfected between uses, including but not limited to: saddles, reins, therapeutic props, helmets, assistive devices, etc.

All Mounted Angels Volunteers will be trained on the Disinfecting Procedures.

If a volunteer, or rider tests positive for COVID-19, all supplies and areas will be disinfected properly following the CDC guidelines.

SCHEDULING RIDES

Scheduling riders does two things for Mounted Angels:

- maintains a plan to limit the number of persons at the riding center at one time to reduce potential exposure
- provides a record of attendance and tracking for reporting to the Public Health Department if a positive case occurs during/after the riding lessons.

Riders:

Riders will be scheduled for a 30-minute ride every other week. This offers the opportunity to ride 4 times this season.

Rides are scheduled Thursdays in June and July 2021 at 6:00-6:30PM and 6:45-7:15PM

Volunteers:

Volunteers will be scheduled weekly. (see attached Volunteer Scheduling Page)

Canceling:

Riders must call by noon the day of if they are not able to make the riding lesson.

Volunteers must call by 24 hrs before the lesson if they are not able to make the riding lesson.

Mounted Angels will post on social media and call/message those who are impacted by 1:00PM the day of if the lessons must be canceled.

Safety in scheduling

Side walkers, Horse Handlers will be wearing masks adding more of a need for the 15-minute break in between lessons, possibly need traded out during the ride. If possible outside arena volunteers will be available to step in if needed.

Designated volunteers to manage equipment and disinfect will help allow those in the arena needing a break.

For contact tracing purposes, Mounted Angels will maintain a log of all riders, volunteers, spectators and non-participant individuals in attendance.

GUESTS

Limited number of persons present at each riding lesson to less than 50 persons to be in compliance of the spectator guidelines. This includes all volunteers and riders in the count with guests.

No guests permitted with Volunteers.

Guests for riders must stay in the designated areas. Guests for riders must answer the COVID-19 precautionary questions. Guests must wear face coverings at all times within the riding lesson area, face coverings must fully cover nose and mouth.

Following check-in, a volunteer will direct guests to the designated observation area assigned to their rider.

Designated observation areas include:

- East side of the arena
- Northeast Corner of the arena.

RIDING LESSONS

If the rider arrives early, they must remain in their vehicle or away from the arena until it is their scheduled time to ride.

The details of the riding lessons will be planned upon review of the registered rider's skill level, schedules and personal goals.

Snow White

Scheduled with an assigned instructor and the snow-white helpers. Each rider will be scheduled as available.

COVID-19 TESTING

Mounted Angels does not offer COVID-19 testing; however, we encourage all participants to contact their healthcare provider if they are experiencing any of the COVID-19 signs or symptoms and seek out testing location if deemed necessary.

If a volunteer or rider tests positive they must follow public health guidelines. In the event of a positive test Mounted Angels requires the participant refrains from participating in riding lessons until cleared by the public health department. Participants with positive test results are required to notify Martha Sheppard with Mounted Angels, if they tested positive within 5 days of the last lesson.

If Mounted Angels is notified/aware of any member, volunteer or rider who has tested positive they will notify all who were in contact with the infected person. Those who were within 6 feet of the infected person for 15 minutes or more.

If a volunteer, or rider reports having any COVID-19 related symptoms Mounted angels will encourage to contact their healthcare provider. If multiple participants report having any COVID-19 related symptoms, Mounted Angels will notify the local health department within three days of being informed of the symptoms. If multiple participants test positive for COVID-19 Mounted Angels will notify the local health department within one day of the positive test results.

SIGNED AGREEMENT:

All volunteers and riders must have a signed COVID-19 waiver on filed before the first riding lesson.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Outside arena volunteers (Some can overlap):

Check-In	Check-in	Equipment assist	Mount/dismount	Guest assist	Disinfect specialist	side walker alternate

For weeks with Snow White: designated instructor and snow-white assistants.

6:00-6:30PM

Rider #1	Instructor	Horse handler	Horse	Side walker	Side walker	Guest Observation area
Guests:						

Rider #2	Instructor	Horse handler	Horse	Side walker	Side walker	Guest Observation area
Guests:						

6:45-7:15PM

Rider #1	Instructor	Horse handler	Horse	Side walker	Side walker	Guest Observation area
Guests:						

Rider #2	Instructor	Horse handler	Horse	Side walker	Side walker	Guest Observation area
Guests:						