

Colorado Racing Commission Emergency Rulemaking Hearing
Emergency Rules for 1 CCR 208-1
June 4, 2020

ER 2020-1 – All persons on racetrack grounds must wear a facial covering at all times. Surgical masks, respirators, and other devices manufactured with the intent to catch liquid droplets expelled from the wearer’s mouth and nose are acceptable. Devices designed to filter inhaled air but not necessarily catch liquid droplets expelled from the wearer’s mouth and nose, such as respiratory training masks and construction dust masks, are presumed acceptable but the wearer may be required to use a different mask at the sole discretion of the Agent-in-Charge. Cloth facial covers must, at a minimum, cover the mouth and nose of the wearer, be secured by a knot, ties, ear loops or elastic bands and be constructed of a washable material. Coverings, devices or masks that obscure the wearer’s identity such that the identity of the wearer is not reasonably ascertainable are prohibited, including, but not limited to: Halloween or costume masks, full coverage motorcycle helmets, head scarves (excluding religious garb) and tinted face shields.

ER 2020-2 – All persons on racetrack grounds shall maintain a distance of six (6) feet from any other person at all times. This rule shall not apply to:

- Veterinarians , veterinary staff and licensees while directly engaged in race-day medication administration, biological sample collection, routine veterinary care and race-day examinations;
- Jockeys, trainers, poniers and other licensees directly engaged in reporting to the paddock, saddling, mounting and parade.
- Starting gate crew and other licensees directly engaged in loading and managing the starting gate prior to the start of the race;
- Stewards and race officials directly engaged in official duties during a race performance;
- Persons directly engaged in business transactions where breaching the six-foot buffer is unavoidable to complete the transaction, such as exchanging documents or taking physical control of a horse, but not for actions that are avoidable, such as shaking hands.
- Two or more persons who live in the same household.
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ER 2020-3 – Gatherings of more than 10 people are prohibited. For the purposes of this rule, a gathering is a group of people not actively engaged in training or race day-related activities that have congregated in a general area. The Director, or the Director’s appointee, may approve gatherings in excess of 10 people so long as the gathering is for business purposes and a written request is made to the Director, or the Director’s appointee, no later than 48 hours before the gathering is scheduled to occur. The request shall include the number of people attending, the specific purpose of the gathering, the specific location the gathering is to take place and a statement of understanding that ER 2020-2 still applies to those at the gathering.

ER 2020-4 – No person is permitted to remain overnight in any restricted area. Any person remaining overnight for a non-medical emergency or taking up residence in any room in a restricted area is deemed to have willfully and deliberately violated this rule. In accordance with the provisions of CRCR 6.122, the Board or Hearing Officer may summarily suspend the person and the trainer assigned to the respective area for violation of this emergency rule.

ER 2020-5 – All persons must leave the backside area within a reasonable time after work, training or care duties have been completed.

ER 2020-6 – No guests, other than those directly engaged in business activities, are permitted on the backside.

ER 2020-7 – Only one Trainer or Trainer’s representative may accompany a horse inside the test barn.