



EQUESTRIAN

Q&As

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
ABOUT STAGE 3 RESTRICTIONS

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*“Can I leave home to care
for my horse?”*

YES

There are currently no restrictions in place
regarding the care of animals - however you should limit
travel where you can.

Always practice good hygiene including washing your hands
before and after touching your horse,
gates or any equipment.

It is also a good idea to plan ahead for the care of your horse
should you become unwell or further
restrictions are implemented.

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*Am I able to hire out my privately
owned facility to horses
NOT agisted at my property for
the purpose to ride or exercises horse(s)?*

NO

The Deputy Chief Health Officer (Communicable Diseases)
Non-Essential Activity Directions states that:
A person who owns, controls or operates a recreational facility
in Victoria must not operate that facility between midnight on
26 March and midnight 11 May 2020.

A recreational facility includes facilities
operated on a for profit or not-for-profit basis and includes:
a facility used predominantly for indoor recreation and/or a facility
used predominantly for outdoor physical recreation.

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Can I exercise or ride my horse(s)?

YES

Exercising is considered essential to the care and welfare of horses.

Agistment facilities are required to act in accordance with Victorian Government regulation. You should contact your agistment facility who may have enacted specific rules related to their facility.

Note: The Victorian Government has advised that all indoor sporting and recreation facilities are closed. Equestrian Victoria assess this to include covered arenas.

Equally, members may consider spelling their horse(s) at this time.

If you're caring for your horse directly, only ride your horse within the boundaries of the property where it's kept.

Don't transport your horse by float to ride somewhere else. At all times exercise in compliance with the public gathering requirements

If you do choose to ride, take necessary precautions to ensure your health and safety.

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Can a professional trainer of horses still operate?

YES

As long as the trainer is training a horse(s) already housed at their property or the trainer is travelling to a private premises for the purpose of their work then professional trainers may continue to operate so long as it is in accordance with the Victorian Government's current restrictions.

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*If I have an accident riding/exercising
or attending my horse,
am I still covered by insurance?*

CONDITIONAL

Gow-Gates has reaffirmed its advice that in order to ensure ongoing coverage under the insurance program, all parties covered by the Equestrian Australia insurance, including members, coaches and affiliates must adhere to the relevant governing body and governmental guidelines and demonstrate reasonable care.

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What are the numbers of horse owners/riders etc. that can be at my agistment at one time or does it depend on the size of my agistment property?

There are currently no specific guidelines about the numbers present at an agistment property other than the Victorian Government's directive that agistment facilities are required to implement a roster system to ensure social distancing requirements are maintained and the facility is cleaned in accordance with DHHS guidelines.

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*I am a rider - can I have lessons
or be coached on my own property
or where I agist?*

YES

**Coaches, as part of their work, may travel
(as essential travel) to conduct their business.
In this instance coaches must comply with all
Victorian Government Regulations including
but not limited to
social distancing and personal hygiene.**

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*If I am leasing a horse or share a horse
with another rider, can we still
share responsibilities and
attend the horse facility?*

YES

So long as lessees act in accordance the
Victorian Government Restrictions.

Ensure social distancing requirements
are maintained and all equipment is
cleaned in accordance with DHHS guidelines.

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*I am a coach -
can I continue to coach/train
my clients?*

YES

**Coaches may continue to conduct their business.
However as floating horses between properties is
considered non-essential travel,
should not coach travelling clients.**

**Coaches must comply with all
Victorian Government Regulations including
but not limited to
social distancing and personal hygiene.**

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*Should I wear gloves
when using facilities at my agistment?*

CHECK

**Members should always practise good personal hygiene
consistent with Victorian Government guidelines.
Your agistment centre may require that gloves are worn.**

**Please contact your agistment centre
for advice specific to your facility.**

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What if there are several people at my agistment?

Agistment facilities are required to implement a roster system to ensure social distancing requirements are maintained and the facility is cleaned in accordance with DHHS guidelines.

In the event there are other persons at your agistment centre in contravention of the circulated roster please notify the owners immediately.

At all times practice social distancing and other transmission reduction measures consistent with the Victorian Government's guidelines.

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*Can I attend my agistment
and feed my horse(s)?*

CHECK

**You must confirm with the agistment owners,
whether you are able to attend your agistment facility,
to care for and maintain your horse.**

**Agistment facilities are required to implement
a roster system to ensure social distancing requirements
are maintained and the facility is cleaned in
accordance with DHHS guidelines.**

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*Can I move my horse from
one property to another?*

CONDITIONAL

Horses may be travelled for the purpose of animal welfare.

All other travel is considered non-essential.

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*Can an equine professional
still offer their professional services?*

YES

Vets, farriers, dentists, and other professionals
may still continue to operate for the purpose of their work
so long as it is in accordance with the
Victorian Government's current restrictions.

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*I run an agistment centre with
a covered arena (i.e. it has a roof
and is either fully enclosed,
some or all sides open),
am I still able to allow riders
to use this arena?*

NO

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