



The United States Pony Clubs, Inc.

The Kentucky Horse Park, 4041 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511
859/254-7669 (PONY) Fax 859/233-4652 www.ponyclub.org

Dear Pony Club Members, Families, Leaders, and Volunteers,

On behalf of the Board of Governors of the United States Pony Clubs, Inc. (USPC), the USPC Executive Committee has voted to extend the suspension of all USPC activities through April 30. USPC has been closely monitoring the guidance and recommendations of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and federal, state and local public health authorities. As the April 30 date approaches, the USPC Board of Governors will reassess the situation and act accordingly in the interest of the health and wellbeing of our members, families, and volunteers.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect our daily lives, but Pony Club and our nation are strong. Yes, there are uncertainties, but there is also a certainty that better and brighter days are ahead. Pony Club prepares us to deal with uncertainties and teaches us that resiliency, compassion, and responsibility get us through trying times.

There are many questions as to the status of Festival 2020. The USPC remains committed to one priority, the safety and wellbeing of Pony Club's members, families, volunteers and staff. At this time, there are no changes to the USPC Festival 2020; however, we will continue to monitor the situation and notify the membership prior to May 1 of any changes to the event.

We recognize our members' desires and hopes to attend and compete at USPC Festival 2020. Perhaps now, more than any other time in our history, the need for our Pony Club family to come together, to celebrate, to learn, and to have fun, has never been greater. The Festival 2020 leadership and staff are working to formalize plans that will significantly expand competition eligibility for 2020. We will continue to communicate with our members and volunteers as information becomes available.

[The USPC staff](#) continues to be available for our members and volunteers. For the latest [COVID-19 updates](#) from Pony Club, please visit the USPC website www.ponyclub.org.

Pony Club is a resilient and strong family, and as we have done throughout our history, we will take care of each other and get through these uncertain times together. And, don't forget to call someone you love or miss. Communication today will give us all strength, hope, and love.

Sincerely,

Ben Duke
USPC President

Teresa Woods
USPC Executive Director