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

On Thursday, April 2, 2020, the United States Pony Clubs, Inc. (USPC) announced the extension of the suspension of all Pony Club activities through April 30. The USPC Board of Governors has continued to monitor the recommendations of the Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as well as federal, state and local guidelines.

Following the guidance and recommendations of the federal government and the CDC, while also recognizing the diversity in the COVID-19 outbreak in states, cities and regions, USPC has elected to lift its nationwide suspension of activities, **effective May 1**. It is the expectation that all clubs, centers and regions strictly adhere to and follow any stay at home orders and operational directives given by their state or local governments and health officials. Federal guidelines must also be followed.

If a state/local government or health department orders a shutdown of events or activities, you must follow the express guidelines of the order. It is important to know that USPC liability insurance coverage may be excluded where a club or center intentionally operates in violation of governmental orders.

USPC urges all members, families, and volunteers to continue to protect themselves from infectious disease, including COVID-19, by taking precautions and adhering to practices suggested or mandated by national, state and local public health authorities. The health and wellbeing of our members, families and volunteers is of the utmost importance.

If state/local/health officials allow gatherings and events, the following can limit liability exposure:

- Take reasonable precautions to protect your members, families, and volunteers.
- Read and follow all CDC guidelines: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- Assign extra personnel with the responsibility of regularly sanitizing surface contact areas.
- If you serve food, replace self-service buffets with volunteer staff service.
- Have extra sanitizing solution or wipes available in noticeable areas.
- Post signs at all venue entrances to remind everyone there is an ongoing outbreak and to practice good hygiene. Use verbiage to the effect that safety is a shared responsibility, and that your club, center, or region is not responsible for potential communicable disease exposure on the premises.

Looking to the future, USPC is considering different ways to help and support members (both current and future) who have been and will continue to be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. We will continue to communicate with our members and volunteers as plans are developed and more information becomes available.

Together we have navigated these uncharted waters, and together we will continue to do so. Pony Club is a resilient organization and a resilient community; together we will come out on the other side stronger and better than ever before.

Please stay safe and healthy.

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