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Horse Owner Compliance to Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions During the COVID-19 Pandemic

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Simple Summary:

Compliance with non-pharmaceutical interventions such as social distancing, wearing of masks and good hygiene can have significant impact on reducing disease transmission for diseases such as COVID-19. In the UK there are more than 350,000 horse owners, keeping their horses at a variety of different, often busy settings. This, combined with horse ownership and riding being very much a social activity, naturally brings groups of people together. The purpose of this study was to identify and evaluate the compliance of horse owners with non-pharmaceutical interventions. The results indicate that compliance of horse owners with COVID-19 rules/guidance is high when rules/guidance exists. However, just under half of respondents indicated that there were no rules/guidelines on their yards indicating that there is room for an increased contribution from the horse owning community by encouraging more yards to impose control measures where they currently do not exist.

Abstract:

In December 2019, an unusual cluster of pneumonia cases were reported in Wuhan and promptly confirmed to be caused by a new virus known as severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) of which the disease it caused would be known as COVID-19. In March 2020, in the absence of any vaccines, and in response to the global spread of SARS-CoV-2 the UK implemented non-pharmaceutical intervention (NPI) measures in the form of a national lockdown to decelerate the spread. Compliance with NPIs can have significant impact on reducing disease transmission however there are currently no studies measuring compliance within the horse ownership world which naturally brings groups of people together during everyday caregiving activities. This article describes the reported horse owner compliance during the COVID-19 pandemic from March 2020 to December 2020 as deduced from 1036 respondents which completed an anonymous online survey between December 30th, 2020 and January 11th, 2021. Where rules/guidance did exist, there was good compliance with 92.76% of respondents indicating that they were following them. The most common rule/guidance implemented was social distancing, which was also the most common rule/guidance to be breached. Riding with others whilst at the yard (hacking or in an arena) and meeting up with non-household members (family and friends) when off the yard were also common rules/guidelines breached. Respondents who kept their horses at either DIY livery, or on a private yard were most likely to breach rules/regulations whereas respondents who kept their horses at full livery were least likely to breach rules/regulations. The results indicate that compliance of horse owners with COVID-19 rules/guidance is high when rules/guidance exists. However, just under half of respondents indicated that there were no rules/guidelines on their yards indicating that there is room for an increased contribution from the horse owning community by encouraging more yards to impose control measures where they currently do not exist.

Keywords: COVID-19; SARS-CoV-2; horse owner compliance; non-pharmaceutical interventions

1. Introduction

In December 2019, an unusual cluster of pneumonia cases were reported by the Chinese Centre for Disease Control (China CDC) in the city of Wuhan, Hubei province [1]. Sequencing of nucleic acid extracted from airway epithelial cells taken from the patients suffering from pneumonia quickly identified a novel betacoronavirus as the causal agent [2]. This betacoronavirus was subsequently named by the International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses as severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) due to the close genetic relatedness to SARS-CoV [3] and the disease which it causes was named COVID-19.

Since its discovery, SARS-CoV-2 has spread around the globe reaching pandemic status, and by January 2021 had infected 93 million people and caused more than 2 million deaths [4].

The first confirmed case of SARS-CoV-2 diagnosed in Europe was on the 24th January 2020 in France in a man who had recently returned from Wuhan [5] and on the 1st February the first two cases were reported by WHO in the United Kingdom [6].

In March 2020, the UK implemented non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPIs) control measures in the form of a national lockdown to decelerate the spread including testing, social distancing, shielding and self-isolation with the slogan "stay at home, protect the NHS, save lives". Despite easing of some restrictions in late May-June 2020 and the "downgrading" of the slogan to "stay alert, control the virus, save lives" and then to, "Hands, Face, Space" the UK has subsequently returned to further lockdowns, the first of which using a tiered approach and the most recent of which a return to national lockdown with the return of the now famous slogan "stay at home, protect the NHS, save lives".

For NPIs to have an impact on reducing disease transmission, compliance with the measures is required. Since the 23rd of March 2020 researchers from University College London (UCL) have been studying compliance across the United Kingdom via the UK COVID-19 Social Study [7]. From more than 70,000 respondents 96% reported to be complying with the majority of rules, whilst complete compliance with no bending of the rules was reported by 56% of respondents.

Rules that were reportedly broken included a) meeting up with more than the recommended number of people (24% reported breaking this rule outside and 23% reported breaking this rule indoors); b) not washing hands (45%), c) not maintaining the recommended distance from others (8%), d) not wearing face masks (7%) and e) not isolating when developing symptoms (13%) [7].

In the UK there are more than 350,000 horse owners [8] keeping their horses at a variety of different settings ranging from the home to full livery. During the COVID-19 pandemic the government issued advice for pet owners and livestock keepers on looking after the welfare of their animals during the pandemic [8]. Owners were permitted to leave their home to visit and provide care for their horse (whether at livery or on private land) and were permitted to ride or walk their horse to maintain their health and welfare. Owners were instructed to follow social distancing rules, wash hands before and after contact with any animal and make a plan for the care of their horse in case of the need to self-isolate.

This article describes the reported horse owner compliance during the COVID-19 pandemic from March 2020 to December 2020.

2. Materials and Methods

1036 respondents were recruited online via the sharing of a link to a survey to horse specific Facebook® groups. The survey was anonymous and did not collect personal data. No inclusion or exclusion criteria were set.

The survey was designed using Survey Monkey® (San Mateo, CA, USA) and consisted of eight questions of which three had one linked sub-question. Four were closed questions with multiple choice answers and seven were open for free text answers (four primary questions and three sub-questions). The survey was live between December 30th, 2020 and January 11th, 2021. For informed consent, an accompanying paragraph was included with the link to the survey which included a brief description of the purpose of the survey, notification that the survey was anonymous, and that the data would be used for academic publication. Ethical approval was granted by the Ethics Committee of University Centre Askham Bryan, certificate number 2020/SRP/182.

Demographics: Respondents were asked which country [free text] and region they lived in [free text].

Horse information: Respondents were asked how many horses they owned [free text], what breed their horses were [free text] and on what type of yard they were kept at [home, private yard, livery DIY, livery part, livery full, or other]. Respondents who selected “other” were asked for specific details.

COVID-19 Compliance with guidelines: Respondents were asked if there were any COVID-19 rules at their yard [yes/no] and who the rules were imposed by [by you (the horses’ owner)/by yard manager]. If rules existed, respondents were asked to describe what rules were present [free text], whether they were complying [yes/no] and if not, to describe what they were not doing [free text]. Respondents were then asked if they were complying to the national guidelines when not undertaking horse related activities (e.g., not at their yard) [yes/no] and if not, to describe what they were not doing [free text].

Raw data was downloaded from Survey Monkey® (San Mateo, CA, USA) into Microsoft Excel™ 2012. Free text answers were grouped manually into categories which best represented the response (Table 1) to allow for quantification of qualitative answers. Twenty-two categories were identified relating to rules imposed on yards either by owners or yard managers. Sixteen categories were identified relating to rules which were being breached whilst owners were on their yard. Eight categories were identified relating to national guidelines which were being breached when owners were not at their yard.

Table 1. Definition of categorization for free text responses

Identified Category	Definition
Rules/Guidance imposed by owner or yard manager	
Social distancing	Restrictions on distance between members of different households.
Only essential visits/visitors	Restrictions on who can visit yard.
Visit scheduling	Respondent required to book a time slot to attend yard.
Face mask	Respondent and or visitor to yard expected to wear a face mask.
Separate tools	Respondent is expected to use their own equipment and tack.
Basic riding/no riding	Riding of respondents horse was impacted in some way.

Cleaning tools/touchpoints	Disinfection of shared equipment and or multiple use surfaces.
Hand cleaning	Hand washing/sanitization required to enter and/or whilst on yard.
No owner visits	Respondent was not allowed to visit horse. Essential others permitted.
Complete yard lockdown	No persons except yard manager/staff were permitted to enter yard.
Gloves	Requirement to wear gloves for at least some activities on the yard.
Isolation policy	Respondents not permitted to attend yard if displaying symptoms or if they had been in contact with someone with symptoms/positive test.
No touching of horses by strangers	No interaction permitted with other people's horses.
Yard facilities shut	Toilets/tea rooms/social rooms etc. closed.
Bubbles	Requirement for respondents to only interact with members of their own bubbles.
Track and Trace App	Requirement to scan into yard using NHS Track and Trace App.
Windows open in inside spaces	Requirement for windows to be open in shared internal spaces.
Foot dip	People entering and existing the yard expected to dip their feet in disinfectant.
Sitting outside	People required to sit outside for matters that require sitting.
Temperature check	Respondents check their temperature is normal before entering the yard.
Sign in/out	Requirement to scan into yard using an informal register.
Negative test	Requirement to show evidence of a negative test before entering the yard.
Rules/Guidance not observed by owners when on their yard	
Not social distancing	Any breach to social distancing, even if just once, or for horse welfare reasons.
Owner does not feel rules are necessary	Any reason given where rules are not followed.
Riding with others	Respondent reports riding with others outside their household either hacking or in an arena.
Still exercising horses/lessons	Respondent reports riding and/or having lessons but does not provide context (e.g. does not specifically say with others from outside their household)
Going to yard in lockdown	Respondent attending yard when they believe that they should remain at home.
Not hand washing	Respondent reports not following hand washing guidelines.
Caring for other people's horses	Respondent reports that they have handled/cared for other people's horses.
Moving between tiers	Respondent has moved between tiers either to attend to their horse kept in a

	different tier or to take their horse to a competition in a different tier.
Not isolating when should be	Respondent reports that they did not self-isolate when they should have (e.g., returning from holiday or whilst waiting for a test result)
Using shared equipment	Respondent reports that they have used shared equipment whether or not they have disinfected it afterwards.
Household mixing	Respondent has mixed with different households with or without observing social distancing in private (yard) settings.
Not wearing gloves	Respondent reports not wearing gloves when yard guidelines are to.
Not when welfare dictates	Respondent will ignore all guidance if a welfare situation dictates.
Rules/Guidance not observed when owners not on their yard	
Seeing family members	Respondent has continued to meet up with family members not in the same household.
Seeing non-family	Respondent has continued to meet up with non-family (friends) members not in the same household.
Leaving home	Respondent has left home for non-essential reasons when they believe they should not have.
Not wearing a mask	Respondent reports not wearing a mask when they believe they should be.
Not social distancing	Respondent has not socially distanced whether unavoidable or deliberately not observing.
Not following any rules/guidance	Respondent reports that they are not observing any national guidance.
Travelling abroad	Respondent reports travelling abroad for non-essential travel.
Moving between tiers	Respondent has moved between tiers.

3. Results

3.1. Demographics

There were a total of 1036 responses of which 1019 were from Great Britain and Ireland, one from the Isle of Man, three from Jersey and 13 from the rest of the world (South Africa, Canada, Australia, Germany, New Zealand, Spain and USA) (Appendix A1).

3.1.1. Horse information

930 owners had five horses or less, 76 owners had ten horses or less, 29 owners had greater than ten horses. One participant did not answer this question.

242 (23.35%) owners kept their horses at home, 237 (22.87%) kept their horses at a private yard, 469 (45.27%) owners kept their horse at livery [333 on "Do it yourself" (DIY) livery, 78 on part livery and 58 on full livery] and 88 (8.49%) owners kept their horses at "other" accommodation [Two on assisted DIY, 14 on a farm, 44 in field, three on the yard

respondent employed at, two at retirement livery, five at a riding school, one at a restaurant and 16 on mixed settings] (Figure 1).

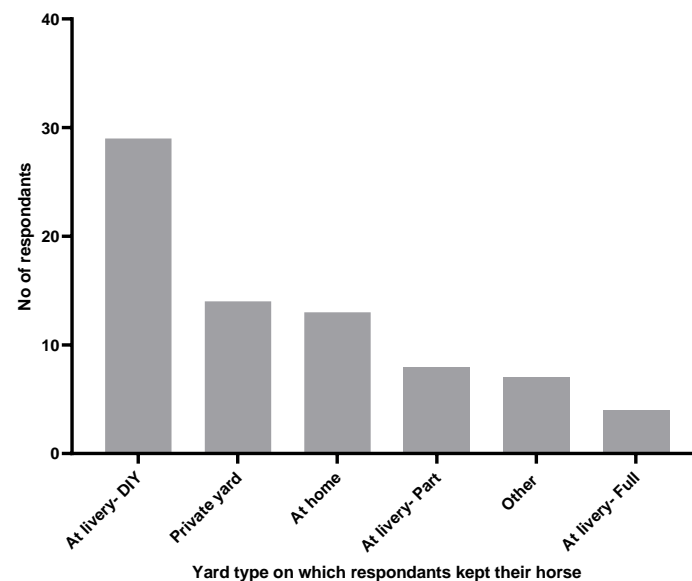


Figure 1. Yard type on which respondents' horses are kept. Other: farm, field, yard employed at, retirement livery, riding school, restaurant, and mixed settings.

3.1.2. COVID-19 rules/guidelines on yards

554 (53.47%) respondents reported that there were rules/guidelines where they kept their horse, of which 395 (71.29%) were imposed by their yard owner and 159 (28.70%) were imposed by the horse owner themselves. Three horse owners did not answer this question. For the 395 respondents who said there were rules/guidelines imposed by their yard manager, social distancing was by far the most common, followed by restricting visits to only essential visits and visit scheduling (Figure 2; Appendix B1). For the 159 respondents who said they imposed their own rules/guidelines, social distancing was by far the most common, followed by restricting visits to only essential visits and hand cleaning (Figure 3; Appendix C1).

479 (46.23%) owners reported that there were no rules where they kept their horse. 34 respondents who stated there were no rules at their yard provided a text response. 32 owners said there was no need for rules at their yard as it was sole use (private or home settings). One respondent said although their yard had no rules they spent as little time as possible at their yard and one respondent said there are no official rules, but they apply social distancing if they see the yard owner.

961 (92.76%) owners reported that they were following rules/guidelines where they kept their horse, whilst 75 (7.23%) owners reported that they were not following the rules/guidelines where they kept their horse. Social distancing was by far the most common rule/guideline not observed, followed by owners not following rules/guidelines because they felt under their circumstances they were not required (Figure 2; Appendix D1). The yard type with the greatest number of respondents reporting that they were not following rules/guidelines were those respondents keeping horses on DIY livery yards, followed by those keeping horses on private yards and at home (Figure 4).

1000 (96.52%) owners reported that they were following the rules when they were not at their yard, whilst 3% of owners reported that they were also breaching COVID rules/guidelines when not at their yard. Eight respondents did not answer this question (Figure 5; Appendix E). The 30 respondents who reported breaching rules/guidelines when not at their yard kept their horses at livery – DIY (n=10), at private yards (n=10), at livery -part (n=5), at home (n=1) and other (n=4). There were no respondents who kept horses on full livery yards who reported breaking rules when not at their yard (Figure 6).

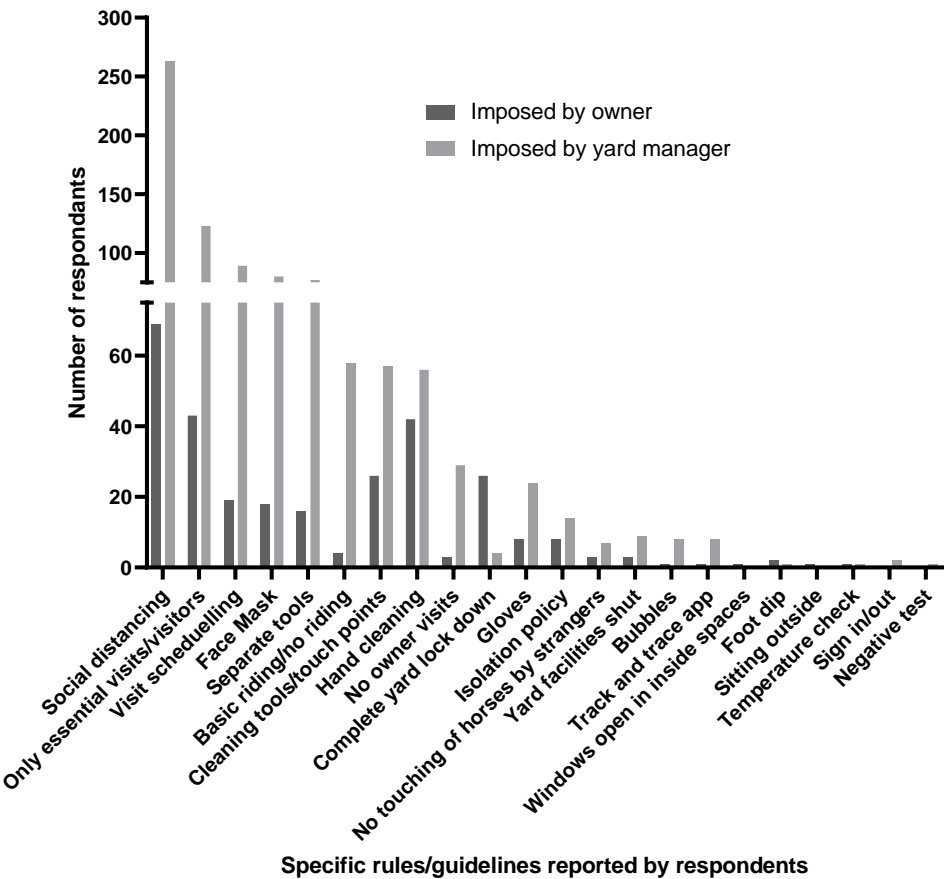


Figure 2. Specific rules/guidelines reported by respondents to be imposed by themselves or yard manager.

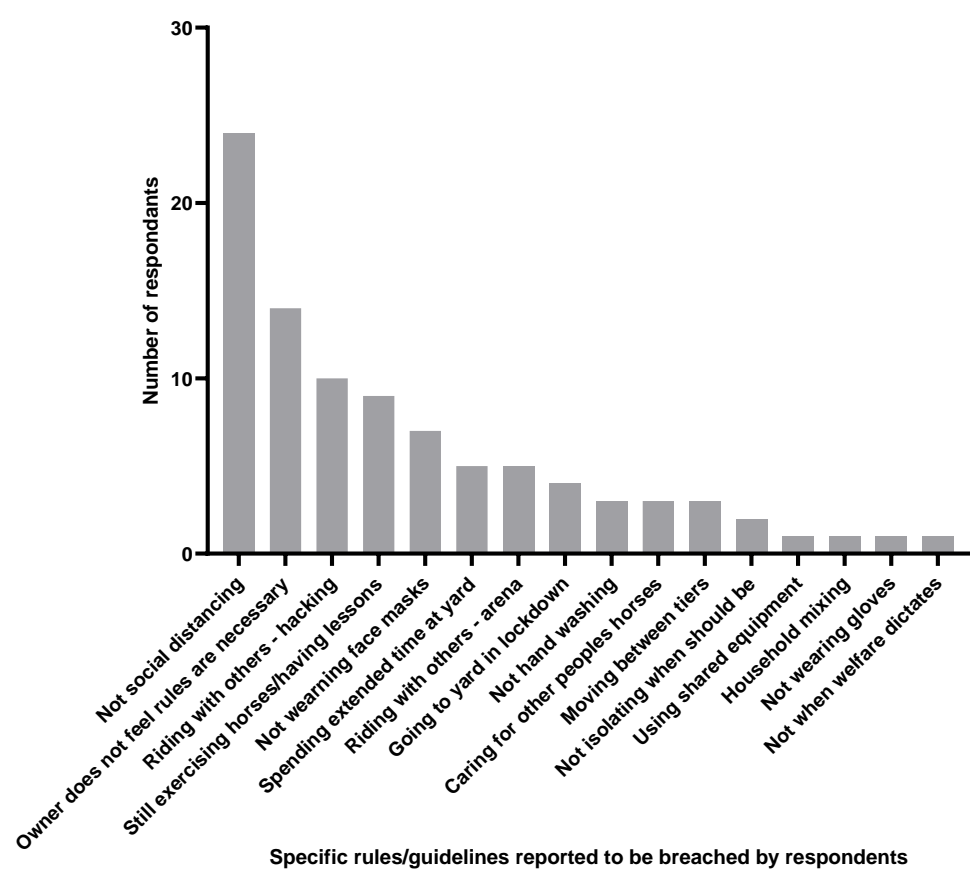


Figure 3. Specific rules/guidelines imposed on their yard reported to be breached by respondents.

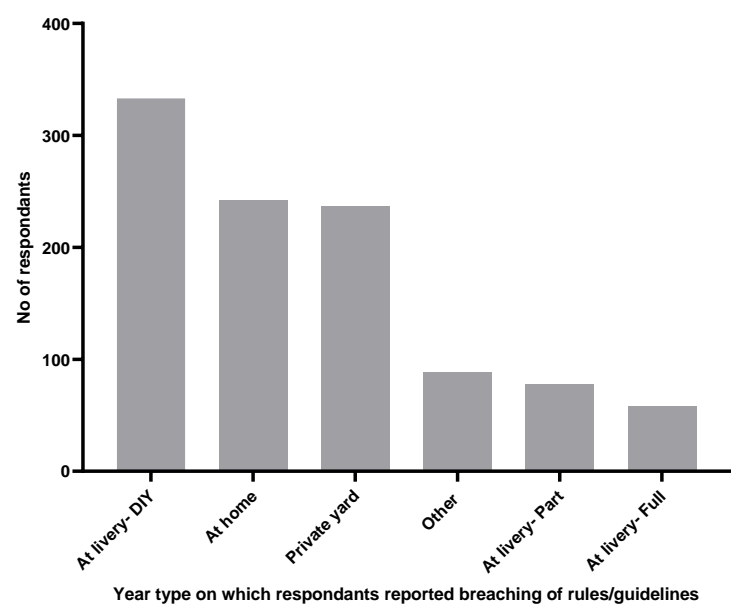


Figure 4. Location of respondents reporting breaching of rules/guidelines when on their yard categorized by yard type. Other: farm, field, yard employed at, retirement livery, riding school, restaurant and mixed settings.

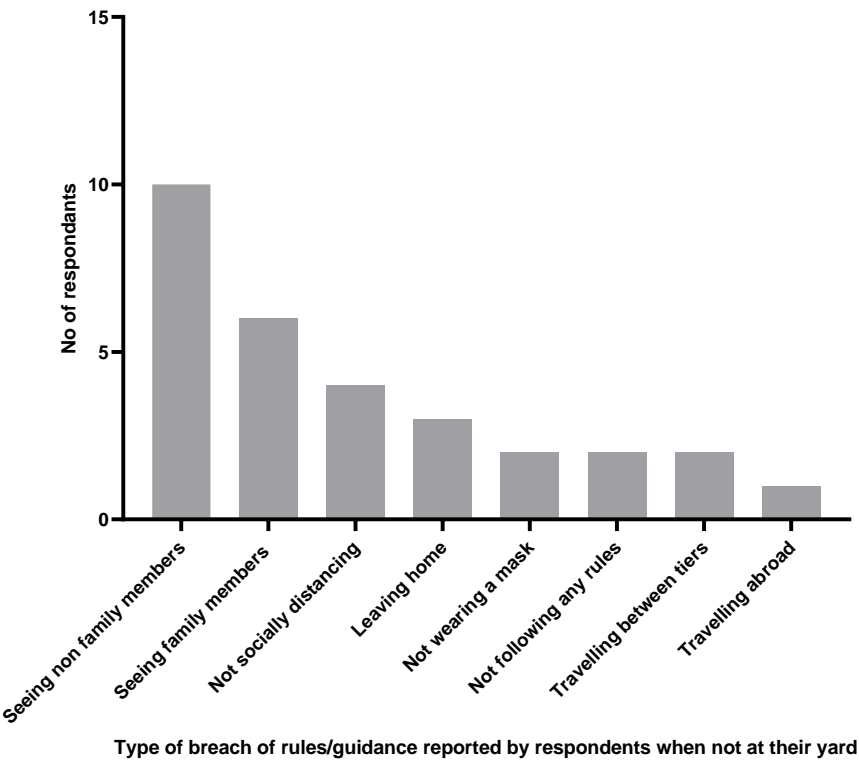


Figure 5. Type of breach of rules/guidance reported by respondents when not at their yard.

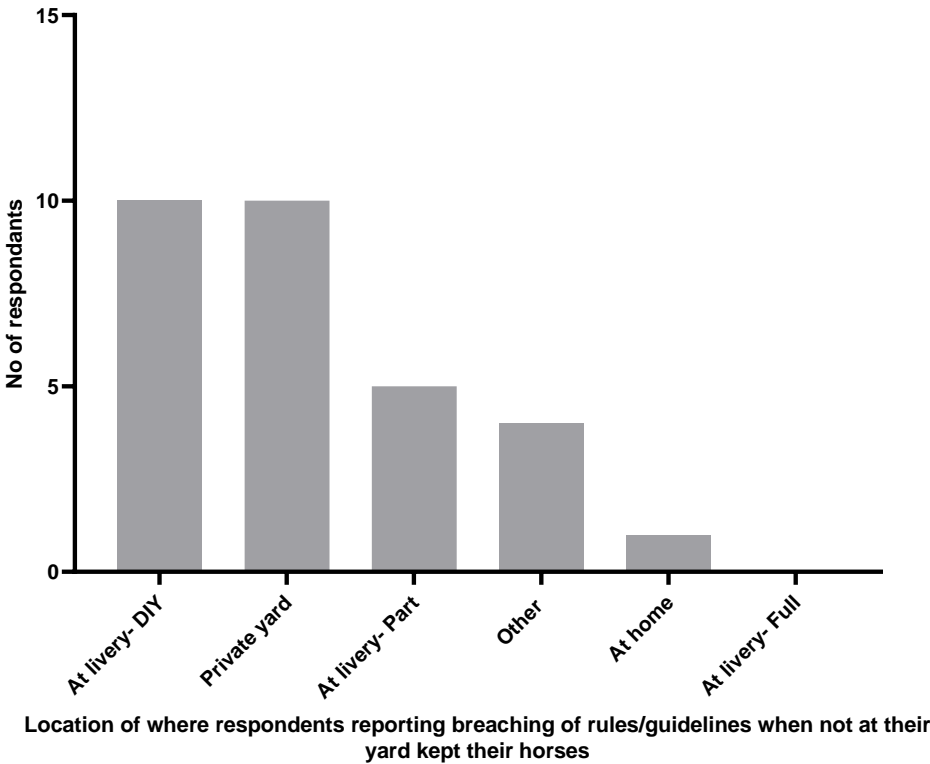


Figure 6. Location of where respondents reporting breaching of rules/guidelines when not at their yard kept their horses. Other: farm, field, yard employed at, retirement livery, riding school, restaurant and mixed settings

4. Discussion

For NPIs to have an impact on reducing disease transmission, control measures must be implemented and compliance with these rules/guidelines must be observed. This study is the first to report the compliance of horse owners to COVID-19 rules/guidance whilst attending to their horse and in general. Results from this study indicate that just over half (53.47%) of the 1036 respondents had rules/guidance designed to specifically reduce the risk of SARS-CoV-2 transmission on their yard. Where rules/guidance did exist, there was good compliance with 92.76% of respondents indicating that they were following them which is consistent with the general compliance findings of the UK COVID-19 Social Study [7].

The most common rule/guidance implemented by both owners and yard managers was social distancing (28.86% and 23.38% respectively), which was also the most common rule/guidance to be breached by horse owners (25.80%) when attending to their horse. This compliance breach was greater than the general compliance findings of the UK COVID-19 Social Study [7] which reported that only 8% of people were not maintaining the recommended distance from others.

Riding with others whilst at the yard (hacking or in an arena) and meeting up with non-household members (family and friends) when off the yard were also common rules/guidelines breached (16.12% and 53.33% respectively). This was again consistent with the general compliance findings of the UK COVID-19 Social Study [7] which reported that 24% were meeting up outside and 23% meeting up indoors.

Lack of compliance with wearing a facemask whilst on the yard (7.52%) was identical to the findings of the UK COVID-19 Social Study [7] (7%); whilst lack of compliance with hand washing (3.22%) and not isolating when required to (2.15%) were considerably lower than those reported by UK COVID-19 Social Study [7] of 45% and 13% respectively [7].

Respondents who kept their horses at either DIY livery, or on a private yard were most likely to breach rules/regulations both on (38.66 and 18.66% respectively) or off yard (33.33% and 33.33% respectively). Respondents who kept their horses at full livery were least likely to breach rules/regulations both on (5.33%) or off yard (0%).

Fifteen percent of respondents in this study reported that they were simply not following rules because they believed they were unnecessary.

5. Conclusions

Compliance of horse owners with COVID-19 rules/guidance when on and off their yard is high when rules/guidance exists. However, there is room for an increased contribution from the horse owning community by encouraging more yards to impose control measures where they currently don't exist and to improve the conditions which would permit less breaching of social distancing.

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Appendix A1. Detailed breakdown of the region from which respondents were from

Region	Number of participants
Aberdeenshire	4
Angus	2
Armagh	1
Ayrshire	7
Bedfordshire	5
Berkshire	21
Borders	2
Bridgend	3
Buckinghamshire	11
Cambridgeshire	12
Carmarthanshire	11
Ceredigion	6
Cheshire	15
Clackmannanshire	1
Cleveland	1
Co. Clare	2
Co. Down	2
Cornwall	15
Cotswolds	1
County Durham	5
Cumbria	14

Darlington - County Durham	1
Denbighshire	2
Derbyshire	22
Devon	31
Dorset	27
Douglas	1
Dumfries and Galloway	1
Dumfriesshire	1
Dunbartonshire	3
East Anglia	1
East Lothian	2
East Midlands	7
East of England	1
East Riding of Yorkshire	3
England	4
Essex	29
Fermanagh	1
Fife	8
Flintshire	3
Galicla	1
Galway	1
Glamorgan	3
Glasgow	3
Gloucestershire	9
Grampian	1
Gwent	1
Gwynedd	7
Hampshire	94
Herefordshire	16
Highlands	2
Isle of Man	1
Isle of Wight	1
Jersey	3
Kent	22
Kilkenny	1
Lanarkshire	2
Lancashire	23
Leicestershire	10
Leinster	1
Lincolnshire	24
London	4
Lothian	1
Manchester	8
Meath	1
Merseyside	2
Merthyr Tydfil	1
Mid Glamorgan	2
Mid wales	1
Midlands	5
Midlothian	6

N Ireland	1
Neath	3
New Forest	6
Newport	1
Norfolk	19
North East England	12
North England	3
North Lincolnshire	5
North Nottinghamshire	1
North of Dublin	1
North Somerset	7
North Wales	1
North West England	23
Northamptonshire	14
Northumberland	8
Nottinghamshire	24
Orkney	2
Oxfordshire	9
Peak District	1
Pembrokeshire	8
Perthshire	2
Powys	4
Redcar and Cleveland	1
Rhondda cynon Taff	2
Ross-shire	1
Rutland	1
Scotland	5
Shropshire	11
Somerset	18
Somersey	1
South East England	19
South England	4
South Wales	3
South West England	11
Southtyneside	1
Staffordshire	18
Stirlingshire	4
Suffolk	20
Surrey	16
Sussex	26
Swansea	1
Tameside	1
Tees valley combined authority	1
Teesside	1
Tipperary	1
Vale of Glamorgan	3
Wales	10
Warwickshire	10
Waterford	1
West Berkshire	3

West Midlands	11
Western Isles	1
Wigtownshire	1
Wiltshire	22
Wirral	2
Worcestershire	16
Wrexham	5
Yorkshire	69
Yorktown	1
Rest of the world	
Canada	2
Australia	1
New Zealand	1
North Germany	1
South Africa	1
Spain	1
USA	6

Appendix B1: Details of the rules “imposed by yard manager” at respondent yards and categorization of the answer

Respondent answer	Categorisation of answer
Max 2 people on yard. Hand washing. Max 1.5 hours on yard. No socialising. Masks to be worn. No higher risk activities eg jumping	Social distancing; Hand cleaning; Face masks; Basic riding/no riding
No visitors. Gloves to be worn. Maintain social distance.	Only essential visits/visitors; Gloves; Social distancing
At moment it is just social distancing, hand washing/gel regularly. But in march lockdown i only had access to horse at full livery if 'I deemed it essential to see the horse'. This was limited to a 1 hour time slot allocated by yard owner at either 12-1 or 1-2, only 1 owner allowed at a time This was horrific, detrimental to my mental health & detrimental to my horses welfare.	Social distancing; Hand cleaning; Only essential visits/visitors; Visit scheduling
1 person into hay barn and other communal spaces at a time. Keep distance (2m). Don't hang around any longer	Social distancing; Only essential visits/visitors

than needed. 1 person per horse unless it's a child.	
Rota limiting numbers of liveries on the yard at any time. Hand sanitizer available	Visit scheduling; Hand cleaning
Wear gloves, reduce number of people on yard	Gloves; Social distancing
All those whose horses were on livery were not to attend the yard at all. DIY owners had set times to be there which were staggered to ensure there were as few people as possible on the yard at one time and in different parts of the yard. One way system established to avoid crossing paths. 1 person in the feed room at a time. Use only your own equipment. Always keeping at least 2 metres apart. Lots of automatic hand sanitisers.	No owner visits; Visit scheduling; Social distancing; Separate tools; Hand cleaning
No visitors. No tool sharing. Hand washing.	Only essential visits/visitors; Separate tools; Hand cleaning
I am personally only allowed to access the yard for feed, any grooming or farrier etc must be done at the field to keep number of people on the yard to a minimum. Other people with horses in retirement have been asked to do the same, but most don't go daily like myself.	Social distancing; Only essential visits/visitors;
Time slots and 1 person in tack room at a time. Disinfect everything after use	Visit scheduling; Social distancing; Disinfection of touchpoints
Time slots	Visit scheduling;
Keep socially distanced. Don't use other people's things. Use hand gel or wash hands when using shared areas like toilet and kitchen. Only 1 person in tack room at a time.	Social distancing; Separate tools; Hand cleaning
	No details

Only owners allowed on yard - no sharers and to use own tools and keep distanced from everyone.	Only essential visits/visitors; Separate tools; Social distancing
No Groups of people on Yard. Maintain Social Distancing. Wash hands on arrival Max one person in small areas - tack/feed rooms	Social distancing; Hand cleaning
Distance. No borrowing of tools. No social gatherings. One livery per private lesson.	Social distancing; Separate tools;
Masks indoors, social distancing and stagger visit times.	Social distancing; Face mask; Visit scheduling
Social distancing must be adhered to at all times.	Social distancing
Just sensible. Keep your distance. Don't use other people's tools.	Social distancing; Separate tools
Time slots to avoid too many people at once. Masks to be worn in any enclosed area like feed room. Only 2 people allowed to ride out together at once (on-site backing). No riding off the premises. Sanitise hands before touching gates/keypads.	Visit scheduling; Face mask; Basic riding/no riding Hand cleaning
Time slots for riding to minimise overlap. Masks when not riding. Hand sanitizer provided. Only 1 person in tack room at once.	Visit scheduling; Face mask; Hand cleaning; Social distancing
Daily visit for two hours at designated time so as few owners there at once as possible. Hacking allowed two together only.	Visit scheduling; Basic riding/no riding
Sanitising and staggered times, only riding with 1 other.	Hand cleaning; Visit scheduling; Basic riding/no riding
It's a pony club riding school we have to come alone not bring anyone else unless one child that rides, Keep 2 meter rule at all times , use our own equipment i.e. buckets , Barrow and tools. We have to wear gloves at all times also not touch other horses etc.	Only essential visits/visitors; Social distancing; Separate tools; Gloves; No touching of horses by strangers

2 meter distance rule	Social distancing
Sanitising. Social distance	Social distancing; Hand cleaning
Keeping to own equipment	Separate tools
We have our own tools, are not allowed to handle other people's horses, not allowed to have more than 1 person who inn the feed or tack room at a time.	Separate tools; No touching of horses by strangers; Social distancing
Liveries were put on a timetable for attending the yard. Only the owner allowed to visit. No riding off the yard. Hand sanitizer provided	Visit scheduling; Only essential visits/visitors; Basic riding/no riding; Hand cleaning
Keep distance and sanitise	Social distancing; Hand cleaning
Limited people in the office. Sanitizer for hands and tack. Social distancing	Social distancing; Hand cleaning
A maximum of 2 hrs at the yard unless good reason to be there longer	Visit scheduling
We have a rota for each barn to ensure everyone can go and sort out their horses/exercise them during a time window that suits them, while ensuring there's only two people in each barn at any given time.	Visit scheduling; Social distancing
Wash hands (anti bac soap provided). Wipe down surfaces (e.g. tap) after use. Do not share mucking out tools. Yard is outside and small so initially we had time slot allocations.	Hand cleaning; Disinfection of touchpoints; Separate tools; Visit scheduling
Keep 2m distance. Sanitise hands. Don't bring visitors to the yard.	Social distancing; Hand cleaning; Only essential visits/visitors
Distance. Masks. Hand sanitiser. Limit visits. No mixing in other barns.	Social distancing; Hand cleaning; Only essential visits/visitors
Wear mask when in barn, keep your distance, only use your own equipment. Stagger times when at the yard.	Face mask; Social distancing; Separate tools; Visit scheduling
Owners only, social distancing, no travelling outside local area.	Only essential visits/visitors; Social distancing; Basic riding/no riding

Don't gather in groups. Don't go in other peoples barns. Only use your own equipment.	Social distancing; Separate tools
Social distancing. Hand washing.	Social distancing; Hand cleaning
Only one person in the tack room at a time. Sanitise hands on arrival/departure and throughout the duration of the visit. Only the number of people allowed in guidelines allowed in the school (rule of 6, same household or one other person). Social distancing.	Social distancing; Hand cleaning
Attend by time arrangement only, own tack to be kept at home and brought in, any yard equipment used to be cleaned before leaving (anti viral wipes provided by yard owner).	Visit scheduling; Separate tools; Disinfection of touchpoints
Keep distance, no visitors, allowed to ride as only me and yard owner on the yard.	Social distancing; Only essential visits/visitors; Basic riding/no riding
Keep social distance, try to stagger visit times.	Social distancing; Visit scheduling
Reduced amount of visits and duration of visit allowed during the day	Only essential visits/visitors
Washing down surfaces with disinfectant after touching, hand washing, social distancing, etc	Disinfection of touchpoints; Social distancing; Hand cleaning
Track and trace scan. Hand sanitizer stations. Mask waring enforced	Track and Trace App; Hand cleaning; Face mask
Mask at all times. Hand sanitiser at entry & exit. No sharing of equipment. No sharing of tools. 2 metre distance from other people. Only ride on the arena. No visitors on yard, except vet or farrier.	Face mask; Hand cleaning; Separate tools; Social distancing; Basic riding/no riding; Only essential visits/visitors
Sanitise hands before coming on the yard. Don't touch any tools unless they are yours. Don't spend more time at the yard than you need to. Social distance where you can.	Hand cleaning; Separate tools; Social distancing; Basic riding/no riding; Only essential visits/visitors

2 people on yard at same time during lockdown. Then rule of 6. Back to 2 under tier 4. Sanitise hands on arrival. Sanitise all handles and switches on departure. Use own mucking out kit only.	Visit scheduling; Social distancing; Cleaning hands; Separate tools; Disinfection of touch points
Social distancing	Social distancing
Has depended on time, in 1st lockdown not allowed in yard. All horses turned out and roughed off. Since in tiers and national lockdown, allowed to come to exercise/groom etc but must spray down anything touched with disinfectant. No socialising, riding out only in group of 2 or 6 according to tier rules. No access to usual facilities etc tea-room.	No owner visits; Complete yard lockdown; Only essential visits/visitors; Disinfection of touch points; Social distancing; Yard facilities shut
Sanitisation social distancing	Social distancing; Hand cleaning
During full lock down and also now in tier 4, I cannot see my horse. My friend is taking care of him as she does not want visits to her home.	No owner visits; Complete yard lockdown
Designated times to be there. Track and trace app	Visit scheduling; Track and trace app
Masks inside, wash hands, no riding except in pairs.	Face masks; Hand cleaning; Basic riding/no riding
Keep 2 meters apart.	Social distancing
	No details
Milton spray all tools and wheelbarrows once touched. Ride in a pair, no more. Distance whilst in the yard and the kitchen area is shut.	Disinfection of touchpoints; Basic riding/no riding Social distancing; Yard facilities shut
One household in office at one time	Social distancing; Bubbles
No social areas open. No use of other tools or belongings. No more than 2 in the open hay barn. Only one at a time in the school. Only hacking with people in your bubble. No visits from	Social distancing; Visit scheduling; Separate tools; Basic riding/no riding; Bubble; Only essential visits/visitors

friends or family (primary caregivers only).	
Social distance. Time slots through first lockdown. Wash hands regularly	Social distancing; Visit scheduling; Hand cleaning
Times to go/ hygiene/social distancing	Visit scheduling; Hand cleaning; Social distancing
Time slots during lockdown. Hacking in pairs only. Wash hands on arrival and departure. Only one person in tack room at a time.	Visit scheduling; Basic riding/no riding; Social distancing; Hand cleaning;
Time slots. Stay 2 meters apart. Get horses sorted then go, not to hang around.	Visit scheduling; Social distancing; Only essential visits/visitors
Hand washing, sanitizing of common surfaces, no sharing of tools, wear gloves, frequent yard at different times so not too many people together, social distancing when together.	Hand cleaning; Disinfection of touchpoints; Separate tools; Gloves: Visit scheduling; Social distancing
Social distance, wash hands.	Social distancing; Hand cleaning
Keep a distance of 2 meters. Wipe down and disinfect any equipment used by you or any other liveryes.	Social distancing; Disinfection of touchpoints
Staggered times to minimise number of people on the yard at the same time. Reduce amount of equipment shared by buying your own. Wear gloves.	Visit scheduling; Separate tools; Gloves
Keep distance, only use your own equipment etc, wipe gate handles down etc	Social distancing; Separate tools; Disinfection of touchpoints
During lockdown and tier 4 rules such as restricted opening hours, number allowed to school and hack together, no more than 2. Trying to ensure we not all up the yard together at the same time as big livery yard.	Visit scheduling; Only essential visits/visitors

Everyone needs to check in when they visit the yard, wear masks if other people around, sanitiser to be used before entering or exiting the barn, only use our own tools/wheelbarrow/grooming kit etc. Tack to be taken home as tack room now out of bounds.	Visit scheduling; Face mask; Hand cleaning; Separate tools;
Social distance. Timings. Masks if close contact. No use of toilets	Social distancing; Visit scheduling; Face mask; Yard facilities shut
Face, space, wash hands.	Face mask; Social distancing; Hand cleaning
No hacking or travelling off yard. No lessons. No school bookings. Ride if you feel it's essential but don't leave the farm. Don't socialise in groups. Hand hygiene.	Basic riding/no riding; Social distancing; Hand cleaning
Sign in to track and trace. Hand sanitisers at various points in yard to be used when touching communal fixings (e.g. gates, toilets). Keep 6 ft away from other owners.	Track and Trace App; Hand cleaning; Social distancing
	No details
Social distancing, liveries only allowed	Social distancing; Only essential visits/visitors
Only horse owners or those in direct care of horse allowed at yard - no visitors. Social distancing to be adhered to. Anyone with any symptoms not allowed on yard	Only essential visits/visitors; Social distancing; Isolate if contract COVID, or in contact with someone with COVID
Masks on the yard. Time spent a minimum. No visitors.	Face mask; Only essential visits/visitors
Disinfecting surfaces. Distancing. Face mask inside. Limiting numbers indoors.	Disinfection of touchpoints; Social distancing; Face mask
In the first lockdown (March/April) there were allocated time slots for each livery, however since lockdown restrictions easing in July/August there have been no formal rules at the yard.	Visit scheduling

Stay 2m apart. Use own equipment. Sanitise. Look after own horse. Wear mask in enclosed areas.	Social distancing; Separate tools; Hand cleaning; No touching of horses by strangers; Face mask
No visitors. No professionals in the barn. During first lock down, no coaches. Autumn lock down and tier 4 - only 2 people in each arena at a time.	Only essential visits/visitors; Social distancing
Every owner has a time slot to visit the yard.	Visit scheduling
During lockdown there was a buddy system in operation - two owners paired up and went to yard on alternate days when they would do their own and other persons horse. Limit on number of people using the arena at same time. Under 16 years accompanied by adult at all times. Could only hack in two's. Use own equipment where possible, sanitising shared equipment. No gathering in large groups to chat.	Visit scheduling; Social distancing; Basic riding/no riding; Separate tools; Disinfection of touchpoints
Please follow the government advice on social distancing and handwashing . Bring you own towel to the yard to dry your hands on and your own soap and alcohol hand gel. Do not share towels for hand drying, use your own. Wash the towel you bring to the yard daily so it is fresh every day. Use gloves when filling hay nets and wash hands with soap for the required length of time with gloves on after filling hay nets so your gloves are clean for next time. One person at a time in the hay /straw. store for social distancing reasons Do not touch items belonging to other liveries and other people's horses. The exception to this is if you are providing livery assistance to someone. If you are assisting be extra mindful about hand-washing. Please avoid bringing extra friends/ family members to the yard for	Social distancing; Hand cleaning; Separate tools; Gloves; Only essential visits/visitors; Disinfection of touchpoints; Face mask;

<p>the time being. Please bring your own mug for tea and coffee for hygiene and no more than two people in the tack room at any one time and if more than one person in there please wear a mask. Consider taking your tack home so you can avoid the tack rooms altogether. If you are first to the yard and need to unlock the gate please use alcohol hand gel before you touch the padlock/gate. Leave the gate by the tunnel open during the day to avoid multiple people touching it multiple times. Last person to use it apply alcohol hand gel before you lock it and after to protect yourself and others. Taps for horse washing- use hand gel before and after using. If you have vets /farriers/dentists attending your horse please do this outside the yard if at all possible or ask them to wear a mask if they need to come in the yard. Please try to avoid spending long periods of time in the barn. Try to get your jobs done quickly and efficiently, this will help achieve social distancing. How long you ride for is obviously up to you! Keep some alcohol hand gel in your pocket and use it whenever you touch an area someone else may have touched.</p>	
<p>Specific booked visiting slots - only 2 people on yard at a time. Use hand sanitiser.</p>	<p>Visit scheduling; Hand cleaning</p>
<p>No visitors other than essential horse care (vet, farrier, dentist). Only use own equipment. Hand sanitisers and equipment sanitisers. During first lockdown in March, April and May no riding out to reduce accidents and possible pressure on emergency services.</p>	<p>Only essential visit/visitors; Separate tools; Hand cleaning; Basic riding/no riding</p>

Masks to be worn on the yard. 2 metres apart. No people on the yard that aren't normally there.	Face mask; Social distancing; Only essential visits/visitors
Individual time slots for visits, masks must be worn at all times on the yard, sanitise hands at every gate/door and only use own tools	Visit scheduling; Face mask; Hand cleaning; Separate tools
Keep 2 meters apart at all times, don't linger (i.e. do horse and go, don't spend all day) use hand sanitizer and wash hands regularly.	Social distancing; Only essential visits/visitors; Hand cleaning
Social distancing	Social distancing
Time slots of max 2hrs for livery's to come up, we have 4 barns and only one livery per barn should be up per time slot.	Visit scheduling;
Disinfectant each communal area such as gates and taps. No friends or unnecessary visitors to yard no hacking in groups.	Disinfection of touch points; Only essential visits/visitors; Basic riding/no riding
Only owners / loaners at the yard. Hand sanitizer in common areas.	Only essential visits/visitors; Hand cleaning
No going into their house (we could go in any time prior to Covid). All bills we are now able to directly transfer. On first lockdown I avoided yard altogether and visited directly to the fields, I didn't ride at all yet others did. As we are diy yard and it's now winter we have a few stabled but we just keep our distance and use our own tools, I still don't ride but others do but they limit it to two/three going out together.	Social distancing; Basic riding/no riding; Separate tools
Only 6 people on the yard at ANY time, including the 2 yard managers. No just turning up when you fancy, must book time slots, max of 2hr. no plus 1's.	Visit scheduling;
No authorised visitors. Disinfectant sprays. Tea room closed. Keeping distances	Only essential visits/visitors; Disinfection of touch points; Yard facilities shut; Social distancing

No sharers. No visitors other than usual visitors e.g. partners.	Only essential visits/visitors
To socially distance at all times. Not to touch anyone's tools, belongings. No visitors to yard unless we have permission. Limit our time at yard, do your horse and go.	Social distancing; Separate tools; Visit scheduling; Only essential visit/visitors
Do your horse & leave ASAP	Only essential visit/visitors
Its grass livery so we make sure that we arrange not to be around at the same time. If we do then we adhere to social distancing rules, face masks and hand sanitiser.	Visit scheduling; Social distancing; Face mask; Hand cleaning
Turn up, do your horse, leave. One person per horse unless the rider is a child in which case 1 parent permitted.	Only essential visits/visitors; Social distancing
No social, keep 2 meters apart from staff and other liveries.	Social distancing
1 person per horse and only farriers and vets allowed on the yard.	Social distancing; Only essential visits/visitors
Masks and social distance	Face mask; Social distancing
Follow social distancing	Social distancing
Once a day yard visits and to maintain 2m distance. Wipe down equipment before/after use and an NHS sign in for the tracking app.	Visit scheduling; Social distancing; Disinfection of touchpoints; Track and trace App
Masks, social distance.	Face mask; Social distancing
Social distance when possible. Only use your tools. Don't hang around for no reason. Wear mask in enclosed areas.	Social distancing; Separate tools; Only essential visits/visitors; Face mask
To ensure when opening shared gate we wear gloves/sanitise hands. Social distance at all times, there are only the owners and me and a friend who rent the stables.	Gloves; Hand cleaning; Social distancing
Social distance. Same households only in arena.	Social distancing; Bubbles
No sharing of tools, sanitise on arrival on yard.	Separate tools; Hand cleaning

Depends on Tier. We did have weekly timed slots when we could visit the horse (so once a week). Over Christmas we've been able to go down at any time, but not allowed to remain in the tack room, no tea etc and only one person at a time to clean tack. May go back to timed slots in New Year but tba.	Visit scheduling; Social distancing
No visitors to the yard. Instructors to come, teach, and leave straight after.	Only essential visits/visitors
No friends/guests/visitors. No riding lessons. Only use your own equipment Only deal with your horse. Set out a full care plan, and buddy up with 1 or 2 friends, in case you need to isolate and they need to suddenly care for your horse. Wash hands. Use sprays provided at tap points. Brew room is CLOSED.	Only essential visits/visitors; Basic riding/no riding; Separate tools; No touching of horses by strangers; Isolate if contract COVID, or in contact with someone with COVID; Hand cleaning; Yard facilities shut
No visitors to the yard. Don't hang about, do your horses and go.	Only essential visits/visitors
No people who are not in your bubble to come onto yard. No lessons during lockdown.	Bubble; Basic riding/no riding
Keep space between yourselves. Don't stand around and talk after jobs are done.	Social distancing
As a bhs approved riding school covid rules are enforced. Signs sanitiser 2-metre rule, masks.	Social distancing; Hand cleaning; Face mask
During the first lockdown, two-hour time slots were allocated, only using your own tools, single person at a time per horse, no offsite riding, no visitors apart from vet, farrier, physio, etc.	Visit scheduling; Separate tools; Basic riding/no riding; Only essential visits/visitors
Dependant on the rules for our area at the time, don't hang around/congregate chatting once you've done your horse. Also only hack out/ride in pairs while we're in tier 4.	Only essential visits/visitors; Basic riding/no riding
Masks and gloves in the stables and barns. Keep the social distancing guidelines. Avoid socialising.	Face mask; Gloves; Social distancing

Only allowed Farriers, vets and instructors. Social distancing at all times. Washing hands/Sanitisers in wash room/toilet. Only family members, no visitors allowed, rota's per horse/pony. To only use your own tools, i.e.: wheelbarrow, etc.	Only essential visits/visitors; Social distancing; Hand cleaning; Visit scheduling; Separate tools
Maintain social distancing. Hand washing and cleaning facilities made available. Only visit when necessary.	Social distancing; Hand cleaning; Only essential visits/visitors
Only 1 person in tack room at a time. 2 riders in school at a time - indoor and outdoor. Stay apart as much as possible. Hand cleanser supplied.	Social distancing; Hand cleaning
Sanitise hands before entering yard. No more than 2 people riding together. Keep 2m distance. Don't use any of the yard tools.	Hand cleaning; Social distancing; Separate tools
Daily disinfecting of handles/door locks Time slots to ride - ride and leave. No visitors. No tea / coffee at present time or loitering. In first lockdown - no attendance, staff only.	Disinfection of touch points; Visit scheduling; Only essential visits/visitors; Yard facilities shut; No owner visits
Must keep 2 meters apart and have yard times.	Social distancing; Visit scheduling
Masks whilst in your barn/stable/tack room. Gloves at all times. No loitering Lessons allowed but restricted viewers.	Face mask; Gloves; Only essential visits/visitors
Hand gel and foot dip on entry and exit, masks to be worn inside barn, keep distance, one person per horse, and at the first lockdown we had time slots.	Hand cleaning; Foot dip; Face mask; Social distancing; Visit scheduling
Wear gloves at all times and use your own utensils wherever possible. If anything else is touched to be disinfected with anti bacterial spray/wipes. 2 metre space between everyone and a restriction on how many people on yard at a time. Certain areas are restricted from entry - unless a staff member. Only two horses and people in arena at	Gloves; Separate tools; Disinfection of touch points; Social distancing; Visit scheduling

a time. Hacks are restricted to two people only. Be Safe.	
Minimise interaction with others at yard, observe social distancing, wear face masks in enclosed areas, use hand sanitiser on entering/leaving yard.	Social distancing; Face mask; Hand cleaning
Abide by social distancing and ensure not at the yard and longer than necessary and stick to tier rules.	Social distancing; Only essential visits/visitors
Wash hands. Keep space unless in danger.	Hand cleaning; Social distancing
Washing hands when entering and leaving yard. Only being at yard to look after and exercise horse, no social time. No friends etc permitted on yard.	Hand cleaning; Only essential visits/visitors
There is a sign from BHS on the tack room door. All livery owners are ok to be on the yard but social distancing is adhered to. All farriers and instructors are still allowed to visit but no group lessons.	Social distancing;
Use your own tools, keep apart	Separate tools; Social distancing
During initial lockdown in March I was not allowed to visit the yard to see my horse at all. Between lockdowns I was allowed to visit but it had to be when no one else was on the yard, I could only attend to my horse & I needed to bring my own grooming equipment with me. During the last lockdown & since we have gone into tier 4 I am again not allowed to visit my horse at the yard at all.	No owner visits; Complete yard lock down; Visit scheduling; Social distancing; Separate tools
Book time slots to limit amount of people on yard also must wear a face mask at all times on yard and use hand sanitizer stations	Visit scheduling; Face mask; Hand cleaning

No visitors except emergency/animal maintenance. Masks on at all times while on the yard. Only hack out in pairs. Tier 4	Only essential visits/visitors; Face masks; Social distancing
Limited amount of people on the yard as per tier system (currently 2 people). Each using own mucking out tools. No travelling in to other venues apart from veterinary care and rehab (ie water treadmill)	Visit scheduling; Separate tools; Basic riding/no riding
Masks must be worn in barn and stable areas, use the handwashing and wear gloves when opening communal gates etc.	Face mask; Hand cleaning; Gloves
Socially distance at all times. No one except owners/loaners allowed on yard. Instructors must go straight to the school area and not come onto the yard. Do your horses and go home. Do not touch other people's equipment.	Social distancing; Only essential visits/visitors; Separate tools
In the first lock down, we had time slots and weren't allowed to hack or jump. At the moment we are just asked to be sensible.	Visit scheduling; Basic riding/no riding
No visiting to stables only allowed to see in fields.	Only essential visits/visitors
Social distance at all times. No touching each other's equipment. Only single person in feed room or enclosure area. No visitors other than household members.	Social distancing; Separate tools; Only essential visits/visitors Bubbles
Stick to current tier rules or don't come to yard. Not going in indoor areas.	Social distancing
Social distancing, own tool use (no sharing) liveries must arrive at different times so not more than 2 on a yard at any one time, hand sanitise, disinfect tap (communal)	Social distancing; Separate tools; Visit scheduling; Hand sanitise; Disinfection of touchpoints


Wear masks (provided). Use hand sanitizer (provided). Only attend the yard when necessary - exercise of horse allowed. Maintain social distancing. Don't put up jumps in school. Avoid all unnecessary contact.	Face mask; Hand cleaning; Only essential visits/visitors Basic riding/no riding; Social distancing
2m distance - only 2 in school or hacking using masks gloves etc when necessary just be sensible!	Social distancing; Face mask; Gloves
Keep distance and only one person up per horse. Not many people follow them unfortunately.	Social distancing;
Limit numbers of people at one time	Only essential visits/visitors
Keep 2 metres. Use sanitizer. Only one person in kitchen at a time. 1 person in tack room at a time. 1 person in feed room at a time.	Social distancing; Hand cleaning
Hand sanitiser. Avoiding too many people on the yard. During first national lockdown we did not enter the yard but could get our horse from the field and ride. Tack etc kept in the car.	Hand cleaning; Only essential visits/visitors; Separate tools
Social distancing, hand sanitiser.	Social distancing; Hand cleaning
Social distancing and allocated times	Social distancing; Visit scheduling
Keep socially distanced at all times. Sanitise before entering and at exiting yard.	Social distancing; Hand cleaning
	No details
Social distancing, limit time, hacking in pairs only, no access to tea room facilities.	Social distancing; Only essential visits/visitor; Yard facilities shut; Basic riding/no riding
Hand sanitizer provided to be used on entry to yard. Masks to be worn at all times except when riding. Only one person allowed in feed room or tack at same time. All tools to be sprayed with disinfectant after use. WC sprayed with disinfectant after use. Numbers on yard limited and time slots adhered to.	Hand cleaning; Face mask; Social distancing; Disinfection of touchpoints; Visit scheduling

Social distancing. Not going out in large groups (government guidelines) and during first lockdown, we had allocated times to come down to turn out / muck out with no riding. Only one person in indoor spaces like tack and feed room.	Social distancing; Basic riding/no riding; Visit scheduling
Social distancing. Sanitising stations for hands, gates and communal areas. Gloves available to use when touching shared items or unavoidable items, head collars and lead ropes.	Social distancing; Hand cleaning; Disinfection of touchpoints; Gloves
No visiting in tier 4	Complete yard lockdown; No owner visits
No one unnecessary at the yard	Only essential visits/visitors
Masks at all times. No sharing of equipment. 1 person per household to attend the horse. Maximum of two people can ride in a pair. 2 hour restriction time. Only attending to your horse once (services at a cost provided). No outside instructors.	Face mask; Separate tools; Basic riding/no riding; Visit scheduling; Only essential visits/visitors
One person in feed room/tack room at a time, one person at hay at a time, social distancing, nobody other than primary carer/sharer allowed.	Social distancing; Only essential visits/visitors
Only two other horses / owners. We rarely overlap and one of them does 12 hour shifts so very difficult to impose a "rota" for visiting. But encouraged on all the distancing measures - which we do.	Social distancing; Only essential visits/visitors
Keep distance where possible. Clean any shared items, surfaces regularly (Wheelbarrows/ tools/ door handles).	Social distancing; Disinfection of touchpoints
Keep 2 metres from each other. Wash hands/sanitize on arrival and before leaving. Wear gloves. Do not stay on yard any longer than is necessary.	Social distancing; Hand cleaning; Gloves; Only essential visits/visitors
Only one person on each of the 4 areas of the yard at any one time. 2 hour time slots each.	Social distancing; Visit scheduling

Time slots. Social distancing. Antibacterial spray to clean yard tools with. Hands to be cleaned and sanitised as often as possible.	Visit scheduling; Social distancing; Hand cleaning
Currently: Masks when on site except when riding. Hand sanitizer at all gates. No group adult lessons. Must book to use arena to limit number of people. Rules have evolved as the situation has changed.	Face mask; Hand cleaning; Basic riding/no riding; Social distancing
No visitors, owners only. We must wash and sanitise hand on arrival and before leaving.	Only essential visits/visitors; Hand cleaning
2 metres distance, come in do your horse and no hanging around together.	Social distancing; Only essential visits/visitors
We all have set times and disinfect after we've been.	Visit scheduling; Disinfection of touchpoints
Only owner /rider to come up, do your horse and leave, no going in other blocks.	Only essential visits/visitors
All non-staff wear masks inside. Alcohol hands on way in to and out of yard. No access to staff room, kettle etc. Separate toilet for staff and visitors. Horses in for rehab facilities to hand horse over in carpark and not enter the yard and returned to the owner in yard.	Face mask; Hand cleaning; Yard facilities shut; Social distancing
Social distancing. Wash hands regularly. Buddy with other owners to limit numbers on yard.	Social distancing; Hand cleaning; Only essential visits/visitors
No lessons. Masks. Sanitiser. Set times to ride.	Basic riding/no riding; Face mask; Hand cleaning; Visit scheduling
Only 3 of us so we have to go at different times (where possible). Do not touch or go near any other horses. Don't bring anyone else with you & keep distance.	Visit scheduling; No touching of horses by strangers; Only essential visits/visitors; Social distancing

No hacking off site. Only one person at the haylage. If you can share jobs and come once a day do. No friends or family to come with you.	Basic riding/no riding; Social distancing; Only essential visits/visitors
First lockdown we had time slots. Not allowed to buy our own feeds (had to go through them!). Now it's just use hand sanitizer coming on and off the yard and stick to social distancing.	Visit scheduling; Hand cleaning; Social distancing
Disinfect everything that's been touched, social distancing.	Disinfection of touchpoints; Social distancing
No loaners or sharers allowed to yard.	Only essential visits/visitors
No one attending with us. Sole attendance only. Specific times on weekend days to attend. Sanitiser.	Only essential visits/visitors; Visit scheduling; Hand cleaning
We are not allowed on the yard all together hand sanitizer provided and wash phaticities	Visit scheduling; Hand cleaning
To keep away from each other. Sanitise on entry and exit. Use your own tools.	Social distancing; Hand cleaning; Separate tools
Hand gel regularly. We all go at separate times (luckily very small yard). Services (trimmer, vet, edt etc) again all attend separately.	Hand cleaning; Visit scheduling;
Distancing, hand washing/sanitizing, number of people in site at any one time.	Social distancing; Hand cleaning; Visit scheduling
Original lockdown--only people to use school and on a booking system. No yard socialising. Since then no rules.	Visit scheduling; Social distancing
We have an hour, only 1 person on any yard at 1 time (we have 3 yards). Gloves to be worn at all times and all tools to be sanitised. 2m rules to be followed when walking past each other.	Visit scheduling; Gloves; Disinfection of touchpoints; Social distancing
Use own equipment. Retain personal space/distance.	Separate tools; Social distancing
Time slots, social distancing, hand sanitiser on yard,	Visit scheduling; Social distancing; Hand cleaning

Only one person per horse allowed on the yard so you can't bring family or friends with you to the yard. Reduce number of visits if possible and don't hang around after you have ridden or done your jobs be as quick as possible.	Only essential visits/visitors;
Social distance	Social distancing
Time limit of 2 hours- 1 person per horse - hand hygiene on arrival and departure - social distancing	Visit scheduling; Hand cleaning; Social distancing
Masks on when in indoor spaces, sanitize hands before touching communal items. Ride out only in twos.	Face mask; Hand cleaning; Basic riding/no riding
Keep distance and in bubbles keep to your side of yard. No friends or family to the yard only caregivers.	Social distancing; Bubbles; Only essential visits/visitors
No visitors when we are in full lockdown. No loitering and blocking pathways. Wash hands when arrive and leave. No more than 2 in arenas. Visits to be kept to minimum.	Only essential visits/visitors; Hand cleaning; Visit scheduling
No riding unpredictable/young horses. No gathering in groups for chats.	Basic riding/no riding; Social distancing
As it's a very small yard with 6 people, we just have hand sanitizer, 1 person in tack room at a time, 2 meters apart and hacking in pairs only.	Hand cleaning; Social distancing; Basic riding/no riding
Wash hands upon arrival, before touching anything. No sharing of tools. Horses must be tied up (not held in hand) for farrier/vet/dentist etc.	Hand cleaning; Separate tools; Social distancing
Only 1 person per horse to attend daily. No socialising. Two visits allowed daily, one 1/2 hour, one 1 hour and only for essential care of your horse. All additional visitors...vets, farriers to be logged via timetree app. No more than 3 people on yard at once. No socialising	Only essential visits/visitors; Visit scheduling; Social distancing; Sign in/out

It's just us two we have separate fields and stable blocks, we help each other out when the other is working, we use our own equipment. The owner is a nurse and has a test every week, we have a back up plan to look after each other  . We have and do ride together and she does teach me. We have kept to the rules.	Separate tools; Visit scheduling; Negative test; Isolate if contract COVID, or in contact with someone with COVID
No visitors to touch horses or property.	No touching of horses by strangers
2 people/households only in the stable and in the manege. If somebody has a lesson, nobody else is allowed in the arena	Visit scheduling; Social distancing
Social distance during lockdown 1 we had time slots that we had to stick to	Social distancing; Visit scheduling
Follow guidelines	Social distancing; Hand cleaning; Face mask
We sign in and sign out.	Sign in and out
Disinfecting tools, hand sanitiser, not mixing stable sheds or riding groups	Disinfection of touchpoints; Hand cleaning; Social distancing; Basic riding/no riding
Time slots to visit yard to keep numbers below threshold.	Visit scheduling
Keep 2 metres apart.	Social distancing
Wash hands, social distance, no group gathering.	Hand cleaning; Social distancing
Social distancing. Frequent hand washing including on arrival and departure. Tea room for staff only. During first lockdown had time slots to avoid too many people on the yard at once.	Social distancing; Hand cleaning; Yard facilities shut; Visit scheduling
Not too many people up at the same time	Visit scheduling
Use own stuff. 1 person in feed room/tack room. If using anything hand sanitise before and after. Tie up away from others.	Separate tools; Social distancing; Hand cleaning

Social distance, no sharing tools, hand sanitiser at all gates, limited people in yard at any time, only necessary professionals (vet/farrier) allowed	Social distancing; Separate tools; Hand cleaning; Visit scheduling; Only essential visits/visitors
Face covering to be worn. Washing hands. No groups/standing together. Limit time spent at the yard.	Face mask; Hand cleaning; Social distancing; Only essential visits/visitors
Sign in using covid app. Keep 2 metre distance. Only see to your horses. Do not gather indoors ie Tack room.	Track and Trace App; Social distancing; Only essential visits/visitors;
No more than 4 people on yard. 2hour slots. Hand sanitizer.	Visit scheduling; Hand cleaning
Avoid bringing people unneeded to the yard, no horses on and off the yard when in lockdown	Only essential visits/visitors; Basic riding/no riding
Strict rota for attending. Hand sanitizer stations. Bleach sprays for gates. One at time in feed room or hay bales. Buddy system. Limited riding first lockdown.	Visit scheduling; Hand cleaning; Disinfection of touchpoints; Social distancing; Basic riding
Don't share tools, wear masks, sanitised hands regularly.	Separate tools; Face mask; Hand cleaning
Social distancing. Limited liveries on the yard. Time slots for riding and jobs.	Social distancing; Visit scheduling
Wear masks in yard. Limit to number on yard during first lockdown. Social distancing.	Face mask; Visit scheduling; Social distancing
Wash hands on arrival and before we leave. Keep social distance from other people on yard	Hand cleaning; Social distancing
Masks at all times, social distancing or get kicked off, proof of a negative test to be allowed on.	Face mask; Social distancing; Negative test
Masks to be worn in shop, only two people in at a time. Only people with horses on yard allowed down.	Face mask; Social distancing; Only essential visits/visitors

Distance, masks, no extra people, jobs and ride and go. No hacking in big groups. Depending on restrictions depends if indoor used or not	Social distancing; Only essential visit/visitors; Basic riding/no riding
	No details
No people outside the yard (except vet, farrier, physio, instructors etc.) to come onto the yard unless it's someone you live with and they are helping you out. Wash/ sanitise yard when you enter and when you leave the yard.	Only essential visits/visitors; Disinfection of touchpoints
Social distancing. Sanitising.	Social distancing; Disinfection of touchpoints
	No details
Wear masks in Barns. Minimal visitors, limited access if in tier 4 so as to not mix with other liveryes.	Face mask; Only essential visits/visitors; Social distancing
Social distancing. During first lockdown only 2 people on the yard at any one time, monitored by time slots. No hacking initially and no jumping.	Social distancing; Visit scheduling; Basic riding/no riding
Times, masks, keep separate.	Visit scheduling; Face mask; Social distancing
Not to gather in communal spaces and to follow govt guidance and social distancing at all times.	Social distancing
No visitors to yard except for welfare purposes. Log all details. Nobody to visit with you if you don't live with them. Don't go to yard owners house with issues, call them instead.	Only essential visits/visitors; Sign in/out
General guidelines and staggered times	Visit scheduling
No children and no contact with others belongings (easy as small yard with own paddocks and not communal areas for feed etc.)	Social distancing; Separate tools
Stay socially distance.	Social distancing
Abide by social distancing	Social distancing
Space, anti bac spray used on all communal areas. Taps and gates sprayed. No mixing in tack rooms.	Social distancing; Hand cleaning; Disinfection of touchpoints

During the first lockdown time slots were implemented to limit the number of people on the yard at one time, and riding wasn't allowed. After that, the restrictions have been relaxed to social distancing and masks in the barns/tack rooms and kitchen.	Visit scheduling; Basic riding/no riding; Face mask
Keep distanced, use hand sanitiser, only 2 allowed in tack /feed room at a time, keep door open.	Social distancing; Hand cleaning
Keep distance, masks to be worn in shared areas, use your own tools / kit.	Social distancing; Face mask; Separate tools
Social distancing where possible and staggered arrival times	Social distancing; Visit scheduling
Face masks to be worn at all times on the yard unless riding or unless you have an exemption. Only 2 people to ride in a school at once with social distancing. General social distancing rules.	Face mask; Basic riding/no riding; Social distancing
Visits to be kept to a minimum and for short periods - or based on a schedule. No lessons for over 18's Only 4 people to use the school at a time Masks to be worn in the office, or when standing and chatting to people Hand sanitiser is available for use, please use it Only 2 adults to go for a hack together	Only essential visits; Basic riding/no riding; Visit scheduling; Face mask; Hand cleaning; Social distancing
One rider at time in arena. Book time at yard. Jobs ride home no loitering. No one on yard except liveries and staff.	Visit scheduling; Only essential visits/visitors
2 metre distance at all times. Masks to be worn when inside. Hand washing and sanitising.	Social distancing; Face mask; Hand cleaning
Wear gloves. No visitors to touch gates. Disinfect anything touched with hands. Use own equipment only.	Gloves; Disinfection of touch points; Separate tools
No mixing only one at a time in feed room tack room masks at all times.	Social distancing; Face mask

We are only allowed to attend the yard with people in our bubble, arena hires and lessons are no longer allowed.	Bubbles; Basic riding/no riding
2 hour only slots 2 x a day and no leaving the property to ride. 2m rule in barns.	Visit scheduling; Social distancing; Basic riding/no riding;
Wear mask when in barn, use horses own stall to groom and tack up to reduce use of common areas, let barn know what time you are coming to reduce the number of people there at a time.	Face mask; Separate tools; Visit scheduling
Assigned 3h time slots to help ensure we don't all arrive at the same time. Flexible slots which we organise amongst ourselves but will be made stricter / less flexible if we have persistent issues with over crowding. Use own kit only where possible. If sharing anything wear gloves and wipe down after use. 2m Apart. If barn is full don't use central aisle but go to riding school stables (riding school closed in tier 4). Max number of people in school to be observed. Use virkon provided to clean gate latches after using school. Hand washing facilities available for arrival, departure. Any visitors (farrier, vet) to be made aware of covid protocol. No guests ie don't bring whole Family down and no loitering chatting.	Visit scheduling; Separate tools; Gloves; Disinfection of touchpoints; Social distancing; Hand cleaning; Only essential visits/visitors
Visiting time by appointment	Visit scheduling
Limited visitors, must wash hands on arrive	Hand cleaning; Only essential visits/visitors
Covid barcode scan. During March lockdown there was allocated time slots to attend your horse. Now recommended booking the school and hand washing.	Track and Trace app; Visit scheduling; Hand cleaning

2m social distancing. Hand washing and sanitizing. They would wipe down surfaces every day. Nobody on the yard unless directly involved in looking after the horse/pony.	Social distancing; Hand cleaning; Disinfection of touchpoints; Only essential visits/visitors
Social distancing and hand sanitizer	Social distancing; Hand cleaning
Socially distance. Only 2 adults on the yard at any time. Book in a time for using school etc. Wear gloves. Sanitise all handles, switches etc.	Social distancing; Visit scheduling; Gloves; Disinfection of touchpoints; Hand cleaning
Only two liveries allowed on yard at a time. Social distancing to be maintained at all times. Allocated time slot for mucking out. Only one person allowed in tack room at a time. Shared areas, tools, taps etc to be wiped down when finished. Hand sanitizer to be used on arrival.	Visit scheduling; Social distancing; Disinfection of touchpoints; Hand cleaning
Social distancing.	Social distancing
We are not to go near their house and there shouldn't be more than one person looking after each horse at one time. Exception for those under 16.	Only essential visits/visitors; Social distancing
Basic. Two metres apart at all times. Only one horse allowed in the school at a time.	Social distancing; Visit scheduling
When restrictions first landed horses were to stay out in field and nobody go up. We negotiated a 2 person max rule and worked out suitable time slots for groups to help each other out. Horses were not ridden for 6 weeks. Since relaxations of lockdown yard owner is happy as long as we keep distance between ourselves and ensure any care professionals e.g. farrier work outdoors and masks to be worn at those interactions. We have gone from using towels to dry out hands to paper towels and extra cleaning supplies have been provided for common areas.	Complete yard lock down; No owner visits; Visit scheduling; Basic riding/no riding Social distancing; Face mask; Disinfection of touchpoints

Limited time at yard. Wear masks at all time. Hand sanitizer on yard. Do not come on yard if showing symptoms been in contact with someone etc. Stay 2m apart	Visit scheduling; Face mask; Hand cleaning; Social distancing; Isolate if contract COVID, or in contact with someone with COVID
Sanitise hands regularly. Fill out track and trace info and record times at yard. No sharing of tools. Keep 2 M distance. Any Covid 19 symptoms then do not come up.	Hand cleaning; Track and Trace App; Separate tools; Social distancing; Isolate if contract COVID, or in contact with someone with COVID
Social distancing at all times. Hand Gel before going in/leaving school. All jumps/poles etc put away after use. No communal kettles/cups etc. No congregating in closed spaces. Soap/hand gel in toilet.	Social distancing; Hand cleaning;
Time slots of when we can go to the yard. Use of arenas and equipment monitored.	Visit scheduling
Keep distance, wear a mask if in a group.	Social distancing; Face mask
No visitors, sanitise including any tools touched	Only essential visits/visitors; Disinfection of touchpoints
No helping with each other's horses. Not be on yard at same time.	Visit scheduling; No touching of horses by strangers
Limited numbers on site, distancing, limited numbers in indoor areas at the same time, masks indoors, no sharing tools, sign in book, on site only for care or exercising then leave.	Visit scheduling; Social distancing; Face masks; Separate tools; Sign in/out; Only essential visits/visitors
Only use own equipment, masks on if around other.	Separate tools; Face mask
Only us allowed no visitors - but private yard at home. Farrier allowed but socially distanced and hand wash entry and exit - only touched horses limbs. I am the vet.	Only essential visits/visitors; Social distancing; Hand cleaning

Use of disinfectant. During first lock down, we had time slots to visit and riding was restricted. This all then eased, and everything went pretty much back to normal.	Disinfection of touchpoints; Visit scheduling; Basic riding/no riding
One person per horse. Gloves to be worn at all times. Only one person in tack room and feed room at a time and always keep distant. Once done your horse leave.	Social distancing; Gloves; Only essential visits/visitors
Rotas and hand sanitizer.	Visit scheduling; Hand cleaning
Masks indoors, maintain social distance, use only own tools, sanitise hands, use antibacterial spray and wipes for taps etc	Face mask; Social distancing; Separate tools; Hand cleaning; Disinfection of touchpoints
Limit time at yard, no socialising inside, wash hands.	Visit scheduling; Hand cleaning; Social distancing
Social distancing. Certain times for each person to be there. No sharers present without yard owners consent. Hand washing etc.	Social distancing; Visit scheduling; Only essential visits/visitors; Hand cleaning
Distance and hand sanitizer	Social distancing; Hand cleaning
2 metres apart, sanitising stations, don't touch other people's horses tack etc, 1-1 private lessons only, try to come to the yard, if possible, when others are not there.	Social distancing; Hand cleaning; Basic riding/no riding; Visit scheduling
Masks to be worn, temperature measuring before entry, sign in and out and don't hang around talking to people (ride and leave), wipe down saddle, hand gel before yard entry.	Face mask; Temperature check; Sign in/out; Only essential visits/visitors; Disinfection of touchpoints Hand cleaning
Wash hands, spray with disinfectant. Be sensible. No external visitors.	Hand cleaning; Disinfection of touchpoints; Only essential visits/visitors

Masks worn in inside areas, social distancing, no visitors or additional people on yard.	Face mask; Social distancing; Only essential visits/visitors;
Social distance. Sanitize hands. Only 1 person in tack and feed room.	Social distancing; Hand cleaning
Reduced numbers at yard at any time. We are all expected to adhere to rules at all times and when not at yard reduce contacts.	Visit scheduling; Social distancing
No extra visitors. Keeping distance from each other.	Only essential visits/visitors; Social distancing
Sanitise hands at gate. Use own equipment or sanitise yard equipment before and after use.	Hand cleaning; Separate tools; Disinfection of touchpoints
Only do essential tasks. Ride in pairs only out. Tea room closed. 2 riders in indoor school at a time. No congregation. Wash hands entering and leaving yard. Only owners and sharers on yard.	Basic riding/no riding; Yard facilities shut; Social distancing; Only essential visits/visitors
Use hand sanitizer, limited people in arenas, maintain social distancing.	Hand cleaning; Visit scheduling; Social distancing
Had sanitation, social distance.	Hand cleaning; Social distancing
Certain number of people at yard, no mixing inside tack room, at times no leaving the yard unless for medical reasons. If you're irresponsible as an owner, then you can't come to the yard until you have isolated.	Visit scheduling; Social distancing; Isolate if contract COVID, or in contact with someone with COVID
Limited people on site, hand washing, booked slots and social distancing	Visit scheduling; Hand cleaning; Social distancing
Wearing masks. One person in tack room / hay area at a time. No extra people (e.g. friends, family) on yard.	Face mask; Social distancing; Only essential visits/visitors
Social distancing and time slots.	Social distancing; Visit scheduling

Sanitize all gates used & anything communal you touch. Sanitize toilet after use. Don't go up if isolating or tested positive.	Disinfection of touchpoints; Isolate if contract COVID, or in contact with someone with COVID
Social Distancing - 2 mtrs apart. Hand sanitise on arrival & departure to yard. Hand wash / sanitiser at various points. No visitors apart from professionals (vet / farrier). Lessons only individual (during lock down). Use own tools.	Social distancing; Hand cleaning; Only essential visits/visitors; Basic riding/no riding; Separate tools
Sanitisation. No visitors.	Hand cleaning; Only essential visits/visitors
Keep distance of two metres. Sanitise hands. Use own equipment only. Do not attend if positive Covid, have signs of Covid or been in contact with anyone with Covid.	Social distancing; Hand cleaning; Separate tools; Isolate if contract COVID, or in contact with someone with COVID
Set times we allowed on yard so all not there at same time	Visit scheduling
Once a day one person only	Visit scheduling
It is actually a working farm where I keep mine and they all live out 24/7. We have been asked to sanitise and wash hands as much as possible, to ensure we keep each other safe. Also team up with another livery in case we need help due to contracting COVID-19.	Hand cleaning; Isolate if contract COVID, or in contact with someone with COVID
Keep to your own stuff and sanitizer on arrival.	Separate tools; Hand cleaning
Limit to having visitors on yard.	Only essential visits/visitors
Social distance, don't touch peoples stuff, wash hands on entry, use sanitizer, then during lockdowns she shut the yard then user rotas	Social distancing; Separate tools; Hand cleaning; No owner visits; Visit scheduling;
Wear masks, social distancing.	Face mask; Social distancing
Social Distancing. Riding out with only 1 other person. Wash hands on arrival and when leaving. One person in office. One person in tack room. Gloves to be worn. Regularly cleaning of toilet.	Social distancing; Basic riding/no riding; Hand cleaning; Gloves

Keep distance from other livery, don't use others equipment, sanitize and disinfect regularly.	Social distancing; Separate tools; Disinfection of touchpoints; Hand cleaning
Only primary care givers and Equine medical professionals allowed on yard and times of arrival and leaving to be recorded on app.	Only essential visits/visitors; Track and Trace app
During the first lock down (we haven't gone into another lock down) 2 people riding/at yard at the same time. Book time slots to ride. They bring horses in remove any rugs and put them in a stable (we used 2 stables that we disinfected after). If you use a headcollar that isn't just for you i.e. workers use it too dip it in disinfectant. If you have to use the hose use the (we have four hoses 3 around the yard and one by the tractor to fill it up and wash horses) tractor hose.	Visit scheduling; Disinfection of touchpoints
hand sanitizer, only 3 people at the yard everyone goes up at different times	Hand cleaning; Visit scheduling
Wash hands. Don't bring anyone else with you. Stay at home if you have symptoms or are self isolating. Ride out in 2's.	Hand cleaning; Only essential visits/visitors; Isolate if contract COVID, or in contact with someone with COVID; Basic riding/no riding
No visitors, only owner/immediate carer.	Only essential visits/visitors;
To keep visits to a minimum and no visitors.	Only essential visits/visitors
To follow government guidelines on social distancing and we have a timetable so not everyone up at the same time.	Social distancing; Visit scheduling
Clear yard rules in line with COVID regulations. Updated weekly along with government guidelines when required.	Social distancing; Hand cleaning; Face mask
Observe social distancing (marked lines outside stable area); Use wipes on communal handles, gates, etc.	Social distancing; Disinfection of touchpoints

Hand sanitizer, no travelling horses off the yard, keep 2m apart, no sharing tools, only one person in feed room/coffee bothy etc.	Hand cleaning; Basic riding/no riding; Social distancing; Separate tools
Separate toilets for yard staff and owners. No congregating in tack room (although its huge). Hand sanitiser on the yard and in the tack room for everyone's use. I also have my own protocols as I visit lots of other yards for work and work for the nhs. Fresh change of clothes each yard visit, hand sanitiser in my car used before and after riding.	Social distancing; Hand cleaning
Stay 2m apart.	Social distancing
Social distancing maintained, regular handwashing required when using shared taps etc and in lockdown allocated time slots for visits. The other yard is a private yard with only my pony and another on. During lockdown and tier 4 conditions I refrained from visiting and the yard owner cared for pony unless emergency.	Social distancing; Hand cleaning; Visit scheduling; Only essential visits/visitors
No sharing tools. 1 person per stable. Gloves and masks on at all times.	Separate tools; Social distancing; Gloves; Face mask
	No details
Time limit initially on first lockdown with no riding, washing equipment/taps down after use	Visit scheduling; Basic riding/no riding; Disinfection of touchpoints
Only one person allowed per horse during lockdown times. No friends/family during lockdown. Minimise time spent hanging around on the yard for no good reason/chat time. Maintain social distancing. Personally, I don't use the tea room and take my own water bottle with me to drink out off. Extra hand washing. We also filled bottles with disinfectant and regularly sprayed touch points initially, though this seems to have tapered off (horse	Social distancing; Only essential visits/visitors; Hand cleaning; Disinfection of touchpoints; Only essential visits/visitors; Isolate if contract COVID, or in contact with someone with COVID

owners did this as their own idea). If anyone was told to self-isolate someone else did their horses and disinterested their stable/kit etc. Asked not to attend yard if showing any symptoms or told to isolate.	
Time slots. Wear gloves. Hand sanitiser. Disinfectant spray.	Visit scheduling; Gloves; Hand cleaning; Disinfection of touchpoints
First lockdown, no access to ride. Visit only to field when horses turned out. To start with. Transitioned to 2 only at a time tied up outside yard to groom and tack up. Owners kept tack in cars. Back to normal briefly. During second lockdown 3 people on yard at a time using rota. Same again now. 2 people only riding out together. One person in tack room at a time.	Basic riding/no riding; Visit scheduling;
Lockdown 1: no access. Lockdown 2: access but obey hands face space. Tier 4: must wear face mask on yard.	Complete yard lockdown; No owner visits; Hand cleaning; Social distancing; Face mask
Limited currently (in first lockdown in spring there were time slots to manage numbers) - basically keep your distance, one at a time in tack room, liveries and equine professionals only on the yard.	Visit scheduling; Only essential visits/visitors; Social distancing
Only 2 people on yard at any one time. Lots of sanitiser everywhere	Visit scheduling; Hand cleaning
Face mask/ one way system/ hand sanitizer/ booked time slots/ distancing from people/ only be involved with your horse and then go home.	Face mask; Hand cleaning; Social distancing; Only essential visits/visitors Visit scheduling
Social distancing and horse care rota to avoid unnecessary contact	Social distancing; Visit scheduling
College standards and riding school standards	No details

Time slots, Face masks to be worn and hand sanitizer to be used that's on the gate.	Visit scheduling; Face mask; Hand cleaning
No going into other barns where your horse isn't stabled, wearing masks, no sharing of the school, no visitors other than farrier, vet etc	Face mask; Social distancing; Only essential visit/visitors
Use own tools. Stay in own block. Only 2 in indoor at anyone time.	Separate tools; Social distancing
Social distancing, part of the yard is now out of bounds (near to owners house). During the second national lockdown (Nov 2020) they asked us not to travel off the yard with the horses for lessons, hacking etc	Social distancing; Basic riding/no riding
Face masks to be worn at all times. Social distancing to be put in practice. Time slots were applicable during the first full lock down.	Face mask; Social distancing; Visit scheduling
Social Distancing, mask.	Social distancing; Face mask
No lessons. No outsiders visiting only vets, farrier etc.	Basic riding/no riding; Only essential visit/visitors
2 metre ruling - hand sanitising (We are on a large yard with plenty of space). Specific areas for individuals to keep their equipment).	Social distancing; Hand cleaning
To go at alternate times. Use own equipment and drinking vessels	Visit scheduling Separate tools
Keeping your own drinking utensils, washing everything up thoroughly. Everyone is socially distancing.	Separate tools; Social distancing; Disinfection of touchpoints
Hand sanitiser at gate and on yard also keep 2m apart.	Hand cleaning; Social distancing
General sanitising of equipment.	Disinfection of touchpoints
Use your own equipment. Hand gel for before and after coming/leaving yard. Keep 2m distance from each other.	Separate tools; Hand cleaning; Social distancing
2m social distancing, hand sanitizer available and only 1 person from your family to attend yard with you.	Social distancing; Hand cleaning; Only essential visits/visitors

Wear a mask when around others, use only your own equipment.	Face mask; Separate tools
Just the general hands face space, to notify her of external visitors (physio etc), and wipe down surfaces after use like the school door.	Hand cleaning; Face mask; Social distancing; Only essential visits/visitors; Disinfection of touchpoints
Distancing at all times. Not sharing equipment. No extra faffing (no standing round to chat /have cups of tea etc).	Social distancing; Separate tools;
Hand Sanitizer. 2m space. 2 people only in tack room. 2 people only in feed room.	Hand cleaning; Social distancing;
Use hand sanitizer. No sharing tools. Face coverings in the barn. Stay in your own areas.	Hand cleaning; Separate tools; Face mask; Social distancing
Social distancing	Social distancing
Only 2 in area at a time. Keep distance in hay barn, tackroom etc.	Social distancing
Communal area out of bounds. Only liveries allowed up. Do horse and go home.	Only essential visits/visitors; Social distancing
Only one person at time, full cleansing, Masks, sanitise all areas and boots so- cial distancing in place, any symptoms the horses will be cared for. Care and exercise only. Due to the work I do my horses are being looked after until the restrictions ease.	Social distancing; Face mask; Disinfection of touchpoints; Only essential visits/visitors; Isolate if contract COVID, or in contact with someone with COVID
Social distancing. Don't use other people things. Masks if more than 4 people. Wash hands and hand sanitizer. No hanging about unnecessary.	Social distancing; Separate tools; Face mask; Hand cleaning; Only essential visits/visitors
At the start of the pandemic we were told to only stay at the yard as long as was needed to see to your horse and then leave ASAP, and we had to wear gloves. That seemed to stop in the summer and nothing gets said now.	Only essential visits/visitors; Gloves

Wash hands when entering / exiting yard, social distancing.	Hand cleaning; Social distancing
Social distance at all times, don't bring people with you to the yard when unnecessary obviously vets/instructors allowed when the broader covid rules allowed.	Social distancing; Only essential visits/visitors;
Wipe all shared equipment with the disinfectant provided. Use hand gel provided. Do not attend if experienced symptoms. Set times to attend the yard with same people attending at same times. Social distancing in place.	Disinfection of touchpoints; Hand cleaning; Isolate if contract COVID, or in contact with someone with COVID; Visit scheduling; Social distancing
Wear a mask. Use own halter to bring in and turn out your horse. Social distancing when in the Clubhouse.	Face mask; Separate tools; Social distancing
Masks, wipe tack after, no friends or other family members,	Face mask; Disinfection of touchpoints; Only essential visits/visitors
No household mixing. My horse is in tier 4 and I'm in tier 3.	Social distancing
Farmer is shielding due to cancer so distancing and disinfecting any shared items after use. I am also in the at risk group so being very careful.	Social distancing; Disinfection of touchpoints
Two hour attendance slots , not overlapping with other liveries.	Visit scheduling
Social distancing, mask wearing in the office. Lessons currently limited per BHS guidance.	Social distancing; Face mask; Basic riding/no riding
Space out times for when liveries come and see their horses, only 2 liveries allowed in the indoor/outdoor school at any one time, only 2 people per horse to come to the yard and wash hands and social distance	Visit scheduling; Hand cleaning; Social distancing
No sharing equipment	Separate tools
Social distancing. In first lockdown time slots once a day but not now.	Social distancing; Visit scheduling
Social distancing	Social distancing

Masks. Distancing. Can't stay at the yard all day. No mixing households when riding in the indoor.	Face mask; Social distancing; Only essential visits/visitors; Bubbles
Socially distance, hand-wash. If you have any symptoms, stay away. Had time slots for visits to reduce number of people on yard at any one time, assistance with bring in and turnout.	Social distancing; Hand cleaning; Isolate if contract COVID, or in contact with someone with COVID; Visit scheduling
2 meters apart. Don't gather together. Wash hands frequently.	Social distancing; Hand cleaning
Time slots for visits, limit time spent on yard to necessary to carry out proper care, gloves at all times.	Visit scheduling; Gloves
There have been loads - following what the government said. First lockdown we were unable to ride at first, we had time slots to care for our horses, disinfectant to spray on locks / handles, our own tools etc. Currently the rules are only 2 can ride together, only 1 to 1 training, no more than 1 person in any "indoor" space (tack, feed room etc). We are not allowed to congregate to drink tea / socialise, we cannot travel outside of our own tiers to compete.	Basic riding/no riding; Visit scheduling; Disinfection of touchpoints; Social distancing
Social distance - at gate is hand sanitizer and code to log on -(all liveries are tier 3) only go at timetabled times to reduce numbers on yard.	Social distancing; Hand cleaning; Visit scheduling
Wash hands on arrival. Disinfect tools after use. No hanging around for a chat. 1 person in tack room at a time. Only owners/riders allowed in the stable area.	Hand cleaning; Disinfection of touchpoints; Only essential visits/visitors; Social distancing
No outside visitors other than vets farriers etc. No outside trainers or instructors or bringing friends etc to the yard.	Only essential visits/visitors
One on the yard at a time (3 liveries)	Visit scheduling
We have to sign a book to say we've been there. The field owner lives adjacent to the field and runs a B&B. We can access the 18 acre field from the	Sign in/out;

B&B car park or from a gate on the top lane half a mile away from the house. This means we have to go to the yard to sign the book even if we're feeding the horses at the top gate and wouldn't normally go to the house /yard at all. My horses are 2 of 7 horses in the field, there are 5 owners.	
Selected time slots to arrive to see to your own horses so no households mixed.	Visit scheduling;
We social distance from one another if we are all up together.	Social distancing
Masks worn within inside areas.	Face mask
No visitors, no bareback riding or jumping during the first nationwide lockdown.	Only essential visits/visitors: Basic riding/no riding
	No details
We don't use each other's stuff and we don't hang around talking. Rules are pretty relaxed as we don't all go up at the same time of day.	Separate tools; Social distancing; Visit scheduling

Appendix C1: Details of the rules “imposed by horse owner [by you]” at respondent yards and categorization of the answer

Respondent answer	Categorisation of answer
Passers-by to stay 6 feet from gate and boundary fence. No feeding the ponies or touching them.	Social distancing; No touching of horses by strangers
Separate tools - use own only. Wipe gate handles etc after use. Keep distance	Separate tools; Disinfection of touchpoints
If pony sharer's come to the yard then my family keeps away from the yard.	Social distancing
Social distancing	Social distancing
No extra people. Maintain social distance etc	Social distancing Only essential visits/visitors
I'm at a yard with a close friend so it's only 3 of us attending the horses. During restrictions we have made sure there's only 2 of us there at a time. Maintained social distancing on the yard and cleaned and antibac sprayed all touch points on the yard (taps, feed room door handles etc).	Visit scheduling; Social distancing; Disinfection of touchpoints
Private yard that only I use with my children. Only visitors are farrier/vet when needed	Only essential visits/visitors
Social distancing	Social distancing
No one allowed to visit when on full lockdown or Tier 4.	No owner visits
Regular hand sanitiser, distance, separate tools for owners, no trainers	Hand cleaning; Social distancing; Separate tools; Only essential visits/visitors
Only owners to do their horses. No extra visitors. Hand wash before and after leaving or when used taps or gate to arena	Only essential visits/visitors; Hand cleaning
No visitors	No owner visits
Social distancing	Social distancing
No one else gets to come into my yard.	Complete yard lockdown
Socially distance and keep all doors open to allow fresh air in when on the yard.	Social distancing; Windows open in inside areas
Keep out, It's my ground, I have electric fencing inside a pad-locked gate	Complete yard lockdown
Gel and feet dip at gate and before leaving - basically I'm treating as human version of strangles	Hand cleaning; Foot dip

As I'm the only one there I'm fine 90% of the time. It's if I have farrier or vet. I wear a mask and sanitise everything	Face mask; Cleaning touch-points
We do abide by Covid rules. i.e., We don't see anyone when we are there. We don't share equipment, If we were unfortunate to catch COVID we have a backup plan with my friend - who's farm our horse is stabled at - where she would take over the care.	Separate tools; Social distancing; Isolate if contract COVID, or in contact with someone with COVID
No sharing of tools Avoid visiting if unwell/ isolating due to partner test - offered free full livery to encourage compliance with this.	Separate tools; Isolate if contract COVID, or in contact with someone with COVID
I go when no one else is there and use hand sanitizer	Social distancing; Hand cleaning
Friends who come to ride horse can no longer	Only essential visits/visitors
Common sense	
No visitors just horse owner, sanitise hands and handles bolts etc on gates and doors	Only essential visits/visitors; Hand cleaning; Disinfection of touchpoints
Only I open gates. Treatment visits must maintain distance where possible. Disinfectant boot wash. Anti bacterial wipes and gel must be used	Social distancing; Foot dip; Disinfection of touchpoints; Hand cleaning
Social distancing.	Social distancing
We clean/sanitise everything used. We stay 2 metres apart	Disinfection of touchpoints; Social distancing
If myself or my daughter have been in contact with someone who has tested positive with covid we will self isolate	Isolate if contract COVID, or in contact with someone with COVID
Own yard no-one else there	Complete yard lockdown
Just my self and family on the yard.	Complete yard lockdown

Usually I am the only person who visits. If someone else has to do my horses then we sterilise all door handles and equipment that we touch when we handover to next person	Disinfection of touchpoints;
Social distancing. Staggered visit times. No visiting yard if self isolating. No sharing of tools.	Social distancing; Visit scheduling; Isolate if contract COVID, or in contact with someone with COVID; Separate tools
Social distancing, washing hands in staff room, seating outside only	Social distancing; Hand cleaning; Sitting outside
No detail provided	
Only professionals allowed on yard	Only essential visits/visitors;
Sanitise everything. Wear facemasks. Wear gloves. No extra people to the yard unless necessary	Disinfect touchpoints; Face mask; Gloves; Only essential visits/visitors;
We don't let anyone else on the yard and we stay in our bubble. I have kids that loan ponies and parents are not permitted	Complete yard lockdown
No coming if sick. Keep social distancing. Clean all areas regularly	Isolate if contract COVID, or in contact with someone with COVID; Social distancing; Disinfection of touchpoints
Hand Sanitiser in use for visitors. Distance maintained. Visitors limited to 1 rider (the same throughout the year) plus the professionals (farrier, vet etc)	Hand cleaning; Social distancing; Only essential visits/visitors;
No visitors, hand sanitise etc	Only essential visits/visitors; Hand cleaning;
Face masks, gloves, only use your own equipment. sanitiser and anti viral surface cleaner available in tackroom. staggered	Face mask; Gloves;

times to do your horses to minimise contact. no unnecessary visitors to the yard	Separate tools; Hand cleaning; Disinfection of touchpoints; Visit scheduling; Only essential visits/visitors;
Take temp when arrive. Use the hand sanitizer when you arrive at the gate. Don't hang around on the yard. Wear a mask, and keep 1mtr at least away from anyone else.	Temperature check; Hand cleaning; Face mask; Only essential visits/visitors; Social distancing
No visitors, don't hang around, do and go	Only essential visits/visitors;
Only essential people to enter the yard. No tool sharing/borrowing. Wipe down communal areas (kettle, handles etc) with antibac wipes. Social distance the best you can	Only essential visits/visitors; Separate tools; Disinfection of touchpoints; Social distancing
Keeping 2 metre distance from anyone. Cleaning hands on arrival/departure. Hand cleansing gel available always.	Social distancing; Hand cleaning
No detail provided	
Strict social distancing. Allocated time slots for full livery horse owners	Social distancing; Visit scheduling
Only see to your horses no travelling	Only essential visits/visitors;
We all just follow government regulations and keep our distance from each other	Social distancing
I have no livery's so only me so no rules	Complete yard lockdown
As I am on my own I follow my own rules	Complete yard lockdown
No competition outings. Only 3 riders from our village, only outside no physical contact with residents	Social distancing; Basic riding /no riding
Follow strict hygiene as if we had strangled around the area.	Disinfection of touchpoints
Social distancing at all times. No sharing of equipment. Sanitize on and off the yard	Social distancing; Separate tools;

	Hand cleaning
No visitors unless for equine health, i.e., vet, farrier, hay delivery	Only essential visits/visitors;
Social distancing and all equipment swabbed down	Social distancing; Disinfection of touchpoints
No one is allowed at the field	Complete yard lockdown
We feed the horses at separate times, and limit occasions when I meet my livery owner for major field repairs.	Visit scheduling
No detail provided	
Wearing of masks in enclosed barn, no other persons on yard other than horse owners/sharers, have sanitizer on yard	Face mask; Only essential visits/visitors; Hand cleaning
Only us to attend the yard (me and hubby)	Complete yard lockdown
The toilet was locked and staggered times for people to do their horses	Yard facilities shut; Visit scheduling
It's just me and my horses on the yard. Only me my daughter and my husband visit and essential visits from equine professionals. I am on the extremely clinically vulnerable list so follow all the government guidelines.	Complete yard lockdown; Only essential visits/visitors;
Cleaning of gates-only me and one other person there	Disinfection of touchpoints; Social distancing
Only us allowed on the yard	Complete yard lockdown
No detail provided	
No jumping during first lockdown, try to choose different times to be at yard, keeping tack out of house to avoid people going into house unnecessarily.	Basic riding/no riding; Visit scheduling;
Stay safe, stay apart	Social distancing
Any visitors keep minimum of 2 meters distance. Now we are in tier 4 no visitors and only family on yard.	Social distancing; Only essential visits/visitors;
No contact with owners of property, all communications done over the phone or yelled across the field lol	Social distancing
Essential visitors only. No gathering outside of national CV19 rules	Complete yard lockdown

No one comes to yard	Complete yard lockdown
Restricted visits booked so no one crosses over. Good bio security	Visit scheduling; Disinfection of touchpoints
No detail provided	
No one is to come onto the yard unless vet or farrier. My parents live at my yard. So we keep away from each other.	Only essential visits/visitors; Social distancing
To exercise horses then leave	Only essential visits/visitors;
No one in house, use own tools own wheelbarrow and fork	Separate tools
Don't touch my stuff or others stuff, yard is massive so not near each other prob about 30ft away from each other so that's not an issue n we all go diff times but do see each other daily at yard	Separate tools; Social distancing; Visit scheduling
I'm on a private yard. No other visitors are coming on	Complete yard lockdown
No detail provided	
Sanitize and distance	Hand cleaning; Social distancing
No visitors, tradesman comply with current restrictions	Only essential visits/visitors
Hand sanitizer on all high touch areas. Spray disinfectant for tools and barrows. Social distancing on the yard maintained.	Hand cleaning; Disinfection of touchpoints; Social distancing
Only owners can come to the yard.	Only essential visits/visitors
Social distancing of professional visitors, vet farrier etc.	Social distancing
Everyone allocated their own tools. No one to touch anyone else's horse. Maintain 2m distance at all time. Wash hands and use sanitiser on arrival.	Separate tools; No touching of horses by strangers; Social distancing; Hand cleaning
Disinfect all touch points. Keep 2 meter distance. Hand gel	Disinfection of touchpoints; Social distancing; Hand cleaning
No new visitors only existing farrier, saddle fitter, vet etc	Only essential visits/visitors

Who ever visits has to have a mask on or keep a distance, we have to have farrier, Saddle, Riding instructor, vet, and hay delivery all keep a distance	Face mask; Social distancing
No one else comes to ride ponies (kids friends etc)	Only essential visits/visitors
I followed BHS guidelines	
No visitors.	Complete yard lockdown
We don't have staff, so my husband and I try to keep all non-essential visits to an absolute minimum.	Only essential visits/visitors
No visitors apart from support bubble and vet	Only essential visits/visitors
No detail provided	
Just keeping safe. Social distance and hand sanitiser used	Social distancing; Hand cleaning
Hand washing on arrival for essential visitors e.g. vet , farrier , yard staff. Regular disinfectant wipes down of regularly touched items eg doors , tools & implements -at least at end of every day Restricted access - essential staff only who must inform me , preferably in advance if for any reason they have to break COVID guidelines. Eg all individual Xmas plans were discussed openly. Thus allowing isolation plans to be put in place if necessary.	Hand cleaning; Disinfect touch-points; Only essential visits/visitors; Isolate if contract COVID, or in contact with someone with COVID
Obey gov guidelines	
No detail provided	
Staff must wear gloves whilst working and we have reduced down to one member of staff while the lockdown is ongoing to reduce exposure. We also have 2 retirement livery which owners are not able to visit during lockdown	Gloves; No owner visits
Space face and hands - no one in my kitchen at the moment	Social distancing; Face mask; Hand cleaning
Social distancing between owner and jockeys' families	Social distancing
No detail provided	
Same bubbles only, different times for people to come. Hand sanitiser to be used when entering building social distancing implemented	Bubbles; Visit scheduling; Hand cleaning; Social distancing
Social distancing, masks, hand sanitizer,	Social distancing; Face mask;

	Hand cleaning
Social distancing practiced all time. Surfaces and tools disinfected when leaving and entering yard. Hand washing with antibacterial soap. Disposable cups only for any drinks Only riding with one other person. No one else on yard other than horse owners / immediate family and then only if no one else on yard at same time. Staggering times where possible Isolation periods horse care covered so no breaking of isolation for respective horse owner;	Social distancing; Disinfection of touchpoints; Hand washing; Only essential visits/visitors; Visit scheduling; Isolate if contract COVID, or in contact with someone with COVID
Currently wear mask when inside the barn, hand sanitiser on way in, no congregating in tack room or other areas, only be here to exercise attend to your horse.	Face mask; Hand cleaning; Social distancing; Only essential visits/visitors
Mask	Face mask
I am the only user so basic hygiene and hand washing.	Hand washing; Complete yard lockdown
Groom stayed 2m away	Social distancing
Only me and boyfriend at yard/field. No visitors	Complete yard lockdown
Hand sanitiser. 2m distancing	Hand washing; Social distancing
Social distancing at all times - only being on the yard in order to look after and exercise my horse.	Social distancing; Only essential visits/visitors
It's only me there most days but 1 rider at a time to ride out with me. We have 5 riders who loan my horses and all come separately.	Social distancing; Visit scheduling
Social distancing with vet and farrier. Only other people on yard are myself and my daughter	Social distancing; Only essential visits/visitors
Mask if vet or farrier come, otherwise no visiting.	Face mask; Only essential visits/visitors
No one to enter	Complete yard lockdown
Hands, face and space. First lockdown, yard closed to liveryes. Now in Tier 4, liveryes allowed as part of daily exercise or for	Face mask; Social distancing;

animal welfare reasons. Liveries are all part or full, I.e. I do all the care	Hand cleaning; Only essential visits/visitors
No sharing equipment. Staggered visits so avoid others. Wash hands regularly.	Separate tools; Visit scheduling; Hand cleaning
I also have 2 cobs that are owned by and used for RDA Carriage driving. Their daily care is done by a small group of RDA volunteers who come each day once a week so there are rules to protect me and them. Hand sanitiser. 2m distance. Wear gloves. Separate barrows and forks. Sanitise anything they have touched before they leave.	Hand cleaning; Social distancing; Gloves; Separate tools; Disinfection of touchpoints
I don't let anyone in other than vet, farrier etc they then wear masks and sanitize hands etc.	Only essential visits/visitors; Face mask; Hand cleaning
Social distance. As little contact with other liveries where possible. Wash hands before and after visiting the yard	Social distancing; Hand cleaning
Giving each other space	Social distancing
Hands. Space	Hand cleaning; Social distancing
2m rule, no gathering on the yard, no more than 2 on the yard at one time.	Social distancing; Visit scheduling
No visitors to the yard and only our horses exercised together - no mixing.	Complete yard lockdown
No mixing of households	Complete yard lockdown
Always wear gloves and wash your hands well afterwards	Gloves; Hand cleaning
Wash hands before starting anything on the yard. Sanitize equipment after use and stable door latches. Social distancing.	Hand cleaning; Disinfection of touchpoints; Social distancing
No visitors at all unless it's an emergency	Only essential visits/visitors;
We share a yard so all agree to disinfect whenever we enter or leave the shared facilities	Disinfection of touchpoints
Staggering people down, all must sanitise on entry and spray anything communal doors taps gates. During the first lockdown no jumping or hacking.	Visit scheduling; Disinfection of touchpoints;

	Basic riding/no riding
Anti bac daily touch points i.e., gates doors I do all feeding and yard duties only me and my 2 daughters	Disinfection of touchpoints; Only essential visits/visitors
Social distancing, bleaching of any surfaces/implements used	Social distancing; Disinfection of touchpoints
No sharing of my equipment or tools. Sanitisers. Social distancing	Separate tools; Hand cleaning; Social distancing
I am on my own at my yard... Just my ponies there. Nobody else comes down there.	Complete yard lockdown
Only visitors are equine related. Hay delivery, farrier, vet etc...	Only essential visits/visitors
No outside visitors other than direct family members and masks must be worn indoors. Riding without a mask is permitted but have only had two people who do not live with me come ride during pandemic.	Only essential visits/visitors; Face mask;
No outsiders are allowed to ride at my place during lockdown.	Complete yard lockdown
No visitors, all people have to wear gloves and masks	Complete yard lockdown; Gloves; Face mask
Distancing, no more than 4 of us there. All equipment kept separate	Social distancing; Separate tools; Visit scheduling
No detail provided	
No contact with other owners or horses unless in an emergency, all have set times, masks to be worn at all times, sanitizer to be used,	Social distancing; Visit scheduling; Face mask; Hand cleaning
Depended on the different stages we were at. Masks. Appointments only. No more then 4 in the arena. At times no riding allowed. At times no entry to the barn	Social distancing; Visit scheduling; Basic riding/no riding; Yard facilities shut
It's my home and I have two liverys on a rota with distancing and sanitizer at all "touch" areas	Social distancing; Hand cleaning

For staff - Compulsory hand wash, sanitiser and medical gloves to be used whilst on property plus QR code for NHS contact.	Hand cleaning; Gloves; Track and trace App
I am the yard owner. We have only 2 in the livery block at a time. Luckily can divide yard into 3 different yards. I do ask people to sanitise, coming in and out but generally I am not sure people remember to do this.	Hand cleaning; Social distancing
The yard owner put in place a "no friends + family visitors" at the start of the first lockdown, but this has gradually disappeared with no rules in place now. And they did nothing to curtail the Fuddle that some people organised for Xmas. I set my "own rules" by keeping distant from others and avoiding the tearoom whilst others are in sitting chatting in there (even if it means I need to wee in my stable!). Lots of hand sanitizer.	Only essential visits/visitors; Social distancing; Hand cleaning
Only me and family allowed on the yard (we own it, and only our horses there)	Complete yard lockdown
I had been having building work done and all told not to go near or touch horses	No touching of horses by strangers
No detail provided	
Distance kept between myself and anyone who has to come to administer to the horses	Only essential visits/visitors; Social distancing
As there's only me and my daughter (and occasionally my son) from the same household generally we just carry on as usual, although we are more careful around each other both at home and on the yard when coughing/sneezing and discarding of tissues etc. If one of us is ill, we do our best to disinfect tool handles, taps, sinks and anywhere else we may touch to try and keep from passing it to each other. When we have the farrier/vet, we have the horses in tied up and ready, open all gateways/doors so they don't need to touch anywhere, and wear face masks even though we are outside. If any of us have covid symptoms we stay away from the yard until tested negative, although if we both had symptoms we would have to carry on together at the yard but would make sure all surfaces touched/used were sprayed with disinfectant regularly.	Disinfection of touchpoints; Only essential visits/visitors; Face mask; Isolate if contract COVID, or in contact with someone with COVID;
By myself and yard owner. Wash and sanitise on arrival No more than 2 people per barn or when riding in school/hacking. Only welfare of horses visitors permitted. Only owners permitted, others by request of help maybe needed but	Hand cleaning; Social distancing; Visit scheduling;

will be booked in around a time other are not on yard. Use only your tools and kit. Tea rooms on both yards closed	Only essential visits/visitors; Separate tools; Yard facilities shut
On our private yard (we have renters who have fields from us) everyone must wear gloves in the communal areas, no mixing of households and keep distance. This was hard to get one lot of liveries to do so they ended up leaving. On the hunter yard it was very much the same as above.	Gloves; Social distancing
My horses are at home in a self-contained field.	Complete yard lockdown
No outsiders or unnecessary visits	Only essential visits/visitors
No visitors	Complete yard lockdown

Appendix D1: Rules breached by respondents who answered “No” when asked: “Are you complying with the COVID-19 rules when undertaking horse related activities.

Respondent answer	Categorisation of answer
In the first lockdown the rules were stay at home, only leave home for 30 minutes exercise etc. My ponies are in a rural area, no one else enters the land so I spent whole days with	Spending extended time at yard

them, packed lunch and flasks, exploring the surrounding area with my daughter. We never came into contact with other people though, we just enjoyed watching nature, looking after the ponies and being outdoors.	
No social distancing, hand washing and using shared equipment.	Not social distancing; Not hand washing; Used shared equipment
Most the time, yes, but for example yesterday, I arrived to find a staff member battling with the horses as someone else had unrugged one of my geldings. In working together to get the rug back on, we couldn't successfully maintain social distancing. Our farrier also comes into our tier 4 area, so he can still do our horses feet. Any broken rules are with the horses welfare in mind.	Not social distancing;
Not wearing a mask when in an indoor environment - e.g. tea room or tack room. Not socially distancing at all times as it is not possible to. Technically households mix as everyone comes down before or after work at roughly the same times.	Not wearing a mask; Not social distancing Household mixing
Social distancing with some people.	Not socially distancing
No ones is ever about in the yard at the same time if there is we keep two metres apart.	No official rules as owner does not feel they are necessary
I don't need to, it's only me.	No official rules as owner does not feel they are necessary
Don't read the rules so don't know.	No official rules as owner does not feel they are necessary
Generally, yes, apart from hacking- we will go out in a group of three rather than a 2 and a single rider for safety. However, we do maintain a greater than 2m distance and don't mix with anyone off the yard.	Riding with others -hacking
My children continued to ride and have lessons at home	Still exercising horses; Still having lessons

I'm in rural Ireland, I don't have much contact with other people anyway.	No official rules as owner does not feel they are necessary
Riding out with people.	Riding with others -hacking
Went on hacks with more than one other person on occasions during the November lockdown but we were socially distanced.	Riding with others - hacking
Generally, yes - when travelling to hack out, the other person/people would travel separately in their cars. Unfortunately, we lost a horse due to colic and during this time we did not adhere to social distancing.	Not socially distancing; Riding with others - hacking
At sometimes cannot socially distance with treating professionals etc due to safety/need to hold horse. Do wear mask if less than 2m from others.	Not socially distancing;
Not wearing a mask due to open air of stables (and there's probably worse stuff than COVID in the rafters)	Not wearing a mask
It's impossible you get on with it or the horse will suffer.	No official rules as owner does not feel they are necessary
	No details
Using my own judgement. Hacking in groups and caring for others horses who I know are healthy.	Riding with others - hacking; Caring for other peoples horses
Not social distancing like I should as outside.	Not socially distancing
Not aware of any rules to do with covid and horses. I still go and feed them etc and I stay away from people. I offered to wear a mask when vet came she said I didn't need to	No official rules as owner does not feel they are necessary
Sometimes forget to keep 2 metre distance when filling hay nets etc	Not social distancing
I am complying with the rules but sometimes borrow others equipment or bring their horses in. I sanitise before and after so this should be safe.	Sharing equipment; Caring for other peoples horses
I'm leaving home when I'm supposed to stay at home!	Going to yard in lockdown

The horses are at home. No rules	No official rules as owner does not feel they are necessary
I am unsure of the rules with regards to exercising horses, but I have continued as usual exercising my horses as safe as I possibly can depending on the situation that presents me on the day.	Still exercising horses
No direct hand washing as no facilities as do not want to contaminate horse's drinking water. Using hand gel and anti bacterial wipes instead.	No handwashing
Social distancing, masks. We tried during first lockdown and it just didn't work at all. The yard is very much a diy yard and rundown with a lot of stallions. Things break all the time, horses get out and it was impossible to adhere to distancing whilst repairing or retrieving. A number of us have health issues as well which makes us extremely clinically vulnerable. However, most of us there are only seeing yard people and no one else after leaving	Not social distancing; Not wearing face mask
Not keeping 2 meter distance from other liveryies. Spending more time than I probably should at the yard.	Not social distancing; Spending extended times at the yard
Not wearing a mask in my stable due to hard to breathe. No gloves when grooming or turning out/bringing in.	Not wearing face mask; Not wearing gloves
Still holding group lessons	Still having lessons; Riding with others - Arena
	No details
Riding in groups of 3 (rather than 2) safer to ride in a bigger group of 3 in case someone falls off- one person to stay with person injured and the other to get help.	Riding with others - hacking
I attend to my horse twice, you pay more than enough a month (5 day livery) without extra services to pay for.	Spending extended time at yard;
We try to go to the yard when no one else is there but it's difficult because of people's work commitments. There are only three owners though. We try to only use our own equipment but are feeding and turning out all the horses. We use sanitiser upon entry to the yard and upon leaving. If new symptoms occur, I have had a test and had results back within 24hours. So far, my tests have been negative so this hasn't	Caring for other people's horses

proved a problem, otherwise others would look after my ponies.	
Not left home with horses since start of pandemic	No details
I have my horses on a very busy livery yard - it's not always possible to stay 2m away from others. Also not always able to ride in the arena by myself - usually others.	Not socially distancing; Riding with others - Arena
Spending most of day at yard. Riding out with others.	Spending extended time at yard; Riding with others - Hacking
We have travelled to arenas/hired places and travelled together with other people. Also ridden in groups.	Riding with others - Arena Not social distancing
	No details
My horse is kept in a neighbouring town that is in a different Tier. I am in Tier 3 and horse is in Tier 4, so technically I am not sure if I can travel to pick my horse up, and take to competitions in Tier 3?!?	Moving between tiers
I am moving between tiers as my yard is in a different tier. Can't maintain social distancing due to small shared tack room and other people not understanding how far 2 meters is	Moving between tiers; Not social distancing
No need as horses are at home and only done by myself and my daughter	No official rules as owner does not feel they are necessary
Large tack room is narrow and easy for people to stop and chat put of the way.	Not social distancing
Travel to tier 4.	Moving between tiers
Travelling to and from yard during lockdowns.	Going to yard in lockdown
Don't need to. I am totally on my own there so no contact with anyone.	No official rules as owner does not feel they are necessary
Due to liveries work schedules it's impossible to have just 1 person there at a time, it's busy around 7-8am before work and after 5 when works finished. There's no other time in the day to look after the horses and as such there could be as	Not social distancing

many as 8 people there at a time, we try our best to distance and not touch other people's belongings but it's hard when horses share field space, hay/straw bales and a single tap.	
Horses are at home, so I really don't have any "rules".	No official rules as owner does not feel they are necessary
Would feel unsure whether to exercise horses.	Still exercising horse
Everything!	No official rules as owner does not feel they are necessary
I am just carrying on as normal. And will continue to do so.	No official rules as owner does not feel they are necessary
I am currently 6 months pregnant and a member of family who I don't live with usually accompanies me on foot (regardless of lockdown conditions) for safety and reassurance - occasional hacks approx. every week for up to an hour.	Still exercising horse
They are at home and only I see to them, nobody comes in or out but me.	No official rules as owner does not feel they are necessary
For the first 6 months I was extremely careful, socially distanced and wore a mask in the presence of other equestrians etc. I used to have them at home but moved to one yard on full livery then moved across the country (from North West Midlands to North East) and honestly we find it very challenging to socially distance and wear masks. Having 4 horses I'm often there for 2-3 hours, in cold conditions my nose runs constantly so cotton masks get soaked and the alternative is a J3 respirator which is almost dangerous to wear around my horses due to constantly getting hit in the face lol. E.g. around the hay nets we are all filling from the same bale with 80-90 horses on the yard so we are definitely closer than 2m. At Christmas time I hugged one of my friends, she was upset and crying. At the end of the day the distancing was taking such a major toll on mental health. We have also started one of my project horses together and probably come within 2m then too. Outside of the yard we adhere to all measures though so one could say she's a part of my 'bubble'.	Not social distancing; Not wearing face mask

I maintain where I can but if someone is having an issue with their horse I go and help. Especially if hacking and we've had someone in our group fall recently. Sometimes when mucking out we pass each other quickly as there is not much room between boxes to distance when we're getting jobs done at busy periods (usually after work 5pm to 7pm).	Not social distancing
I ride with a few people that aren't in my bubble and we don't social distance.	Not social distancing; Riding with others - Hacking
Have youngsters so too dangerous to ride out alone so riding out with others. Also freezing cold so meet up at my friends house to warm up etc.	Riding with others - Hacking; Not social distancing
I occasionally forget to socially distance when I'm talking to other liveryies.	Not social distancing
Isolating after test today & still have to go check on horses & give hay.	Not isolating when should be
I've shared the arena with others at times of lockdown. This is in a 60 x 40 area so feel this is much safer than say going to the gym / supermarket etc.	Riding with others - Arena
Not using sanitizers or face masks and not reducing numbers attending.	Not hand cleaning; Not socially distancing; Not wearing face mask
It's hard to say whether we are really complying or not. We are a small yard, with only a yard owner, groom and perhaps 8/9 liveryies /loaners. When at the yard we keep ourselves to ourselves aside from lessons, but there may be 4 or 5 people on the yard at the same time. We are maintaining social distancing in the main (e.g. unless holding a horse so someone can mount safely)	Not socially distancing
Mixing with more than 1 person while on yard doing stable duties etc.	Not socially distancing
I ride out on my own.	Still exercising horse
	No response
What is compiling? ;-) I jest... yes, we comply with any Covid restriction rules where we are aware of them BUT at no time would we compromise our horses' care because of them!	Not when welfare reasons dictate

What are rules horses don't have Covid.	No official rules as owner does not feel they are necessary
You are not meant to travel to exercise; however I travel to my yard to tend to my horse and ride while there.	Going to yard in lockdown; Still exercising horse
Not wearing masks in the barn, no number limited on the indoor arena when riding, minimal to no social distancing on the yard when doing jobs	Not wearing mask; Not socially distancing; Riding with others - Arena
I try hard to follow the rules, but did call via the yard on the way back from 2 week holiday in France in the summer before staying at home for 14 days quarantine. I didn't want to go a full month without saying hello to my horse, and wanted to check feed supplies. I stayed at least 20m away from anyone and was only there 5 or 10 mins.	Not isolating when should be
	No response
I hack out with one other person not in my support bubble. I feel this is safer than hacking alone. Other than that, I am very careful and follow all other rules.	Riding with others - Hacking
I'm not sure. I'm leaving home and driving 4 miles to the field every day. Then I'm taking the horse out of the field to go for a ride several times a week. So technically I'm driving somewhere to do exercise. Also the field is in the next county, Flintshire, so I'm crossing the border. BUT driving to the field is necessary for animal welfare and my own sanity. Plus as the field is in a fairly remote rural area I don't actually have any contact with any other people when I go. Just the occasional walker or cyclist on the lane. So I may be breaking the letter of the rules but not the spirit as I'm not in any contact with anyone.	Going to yard in lockdown
During the lockdown was out with horses riding & doing jobs for more than 1 hour	Spending extended time at yard; Still exercising horse

Appendix E1: Rules breached by respondents answering “No” when asked: “Are you complying to COVID-19 rules when not undertaking horse related activities”. 8 respondents did not answer the question.

Respondent answer	Categorisation of answer
I still go and see my parents as my dad has dementia and is going downhill fast. I am very careful everywhere else though.	Seeing family members not in same household
Still seeing parents.	Seeing family members not in same household

	No response
	No response
I take longer than 30 minutes for exercise - usually an hour in morning & half hour in evening to walk my dogs & self-exercise. I have also met up with my son on several occasions when we shouldn't have but he was living alone, working from home and had slight depression due to his father passing the year before - I felt it necessary for his mental health to still see him.	Seeing family members not in same household
Socialising with a small group of friends, who I see at work any way so it's not really increasing risk to me.	Seeing friends not in the same household
I'm leaving home to walk and train my 5 working dogs	Leaving home
Don't wear a mask.	Not wearing a mask
Same reasons as stated previously, time schedules and sharing of resources make it hard to keep a strong distance.	Not social distancing
	No response
I'm not following any of the guidance set by government.	Not following any rules
I work in a food supermarket and people don't social distance from me.	Not social distancing
I still have visitors if they want to come and we do not always socially distance however I am on my own private yard so there is not much interaction anyway, outside my household.	Seeing friends not in the same household; Not social distancing
Have met up with parents on several occasions and also two close friends who live very near us. One of which is a medical professional and regularly covid tested. My parents had to look after me/ferry me around as I recently broke my foot and couldn't drive and got very lonely at home when my husband was working. Our friends are for our mental health. They are understanding and always offer an ear when needed.	Seeing family members not in same household; Seeing friends not in the same household
We have travelled abroad having followed the rules religiously for nine months. Not against the law but it was not essential.	Travelled abroad
I have walked the dog outside my immediate area as it is on route home from my ponies who live 30 mins away.	Leaving home
Meeting up with friends & family as my mental health was suffering. Travelling in/out of tiers.	Seeing friends not in the same household; Travelling between tiers
Sometimes a friend meets me at the horses and it's not a public place. This was in lockdown and also in tier 3. It's	Seeing friends not in the same household

safer to have a person with me when I ride as my mare is recently backed. She social distances and we are always outside.	
I don't agree with any of it. I am not a prisoner. I won't stand back and loose more people that can't cope with the lock down. It is causing more deaths that covid.	Not following any rules
I'm a teacher so cannot do social distancing because the pupils come too close, no matter how many times you tell them.	Not social distancing
I am a student and currently back at school or going back in a few days and we aren't social distancing but before we go back if you are in year 11-13 (upper sixth) it is recommended to get a test before returning.	Not social distancing
Seeing 2 households.	Seeing friends not in the same household
Keeping larger bubbles than allowed.	Seeing friends not in the same household
Have seen friends in the garden a few times as we are fed up.	Seeing friends not in the same household
Have travelled to see my boyfriend in a different tier.	Meeting up with family members not in the same household; Travelling between tiers
Travelling 3 miles for exercise.	Leaving home
Wearing a mask as I get panic attacks.	Not wearing a mask
Meeting with friends.	Seeing friends not in the same household
I have continued to have regular contact with my daughter and her husband and children. But I also provide childcare for her while she works so I think I'm "legal" but we don't care. We all live in a semi-rural area and have minimal contact with other people. Other than that I comply. I only go out to the shops, to her house, and to the horses. I haven't seen my best friend for months, she lives over the border in Cheshire.	Meeting up with family members not in the same household
I have met up with more than one person for a dog walk. But we all socially distanced. Its a ludicrous rule though - it is exactly the same as dog walking with one person one day and a different person the next 🤖	Seeing friends not in the same household