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Eastern States Exhibition, INC would like to inform all potential equine exhibitors that during 2018 it was determined that the Corona virus was located on the grounds located 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield, Massachusetts 01089 (hereinafter referred to as “the Fairgrounds”). More than one horse was confirmed to have contracted the Corona virus after attending a show at the Fairgrounds –during 2018. Corona virus may cause the following symptoms in equines: fever, anorexia, colic, diarrhea, and sometimes death.

Measures were taken to disinfect the Fairgrounds consistent with the recommendations of the Massachusetts State Veterinarian and Massachusetts Department of Health. There is no way to be 100% certain that the virus has been eradicated, and equines visiting the Fairgrounds may be exposed to Corona virus, as well as other infectious diseases caused by bacteria and/or viruses.

Eastern States Exhibition, INC feels it is their duty to inform you of these occurrences and the risks associated with them. If you choose to participate in any function held at the Fairgrounds, you do so with full knowledge of the past presence of Corona virus.

**STATEMENT OF RISK ASSOCIATED WITH INFECTIOUS DISEASE:** Infectious disease is a risk in any venue where equines come from different locations and gather in one centralized location. The Fairgrounds hosts numerous equine events throughout the year, and many equines visit and stay overnight on the Fairgrounds. An equine can be a carrier for many infectious diseases without displaying any symptoms. These carrier equines can then pass the infectious disease to other equines in close proximity to them, or sharing the same space, either at the same time or sometime in the future. Eastern States Exposition, INC has taken reasonable measures, recommended by Massachusetts authorities, to disinfect and prevent the spread of infectious disease among the Equines visiting the Fairgrounds, however, bringing an equine to the Fairgrounds is not without risk. Exposure to infectious disease can and has happened.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, acknowledge I have read the above notice and I am fully aware of the presence of Corona Virus at the Fairgrounds during the 2018 show season, as well as the possibility of the presence of other infectious diseases which have not been identified. Being fully informed, I have decided of my own free will to participate in an equine function and bring equines onto the Fairgrounds. I, the undersigned for myself, my heirs, my representatives, my assigns, and my next of kin, in consideration of being allowed to bring equines onto the Fairgrounds, do fully and forever release, waive, discharge, hold harmless, and covenant not to sue Eastern States Exhibition, INC. for any and all claims, demands, suits, loss, and causes of action arising from any injury, illness, death, loss of use, or damage of any kind suffered from bringing equines onto the Fairgrounds whether arising from the negligence of Eastern States Exhibition, INC., or otherwise, to the fullest extent of the law, including attorney’s fees on appeal. I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTOOD ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT. I WANT TO BRING EQUINES ONTO THE FAIRGROUNDS.

Sign and date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner/Trainer

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