

## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) - FACE MASKS

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Following recent development with a number of COVID cases in Sydney and a direction from the NSW Government, HRNSW will take the following steps with regards to the use of a face mask.

Effective from 5pm today until 12am on Monday 10 May 2021, all licensed persons and essential staff will be required to wear a face mask when it may not be possible for social distancing to be achieved.

These conditions will be enforced at all venues in NSW.

In the following conditions, face masks will be compulsory and all persons **MUST** wear a face mask.

- During Sample collection (Pre and Post Race);
- When attending a Steward's room;
- When attending a Driver's change room/bathroom;
- At any other time as directed by HRNSW Stewards or Integrity Staff.

Any participant with a medical condition or a physical disability which may restrict the ability to wear a mask must wear a scarf or similar face covering. An exemption letter from a medical practitioner must be provided to HRNSW in support of this position.

It will be the responsibility of the individual to bring their own mask to a race meeting. Failure to present with a mask under the compulsory conditions may result in Stewards taking action against the individual pursuant to Australian Harness Racing Rule (AHRR) 238.

AHRR 238 – A person shall not fail to comply with any order, direction or requirement of the Controlling Body or the Stewards relating to harness racing or to the harness racing industry.

For further information on this matter contact:  
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