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Two Important Notices Re: 2020 Testing Season and 2021 Annual Meeting

Testing Season:

As you know, testing will resume on July 1st, and Chapters in many states have already begun training as some regions are implementing their phased reopening. While this is good news, COVID-19 remains a serious issue, so please keep the following points in mind as you begin holding Chapter events:

- Chapters are required to follow all CDC, Local, State, and Provincial guidelines and to comply with their recommendations and mandates regarding maximum gathering size and any other requirements as applicable.
- We urge all Chapters to limit non-member guests at all events, and remind you that all guests must sign the Release Agreement/Waiver, which has been updated to include both COVID-19 and all communicable diseases. The waiver is available on the NAVHDA website, at Forms Express under Membership and Chapter Forms.
- Limit the number of helpers to the bare minimum required to successfully conduct your test or event.
- Urge all handlers to come alone or with one person only. Limit the number of spectators and gallery.
- Ask handlers to bring their own lunch and to limit gathering at mealtime.
- Have hand sanitizer and rubber gloves available at all times.
- Do not use shared coolers.

2021 Annual Meeting Postponed:

At the request of the host chapter, the 2021 Annual Meeting in California has been postponed to 2022. There is still considerable uncertainty regarding the permissible size of gatherings and whether people will be willing or able to fly in order to attend the meeting.

As you know, our Annual Meeting requires a tremendous amount of planning and commitment, both personal and financial, in order to make it a success; postponement will ensure that the Western Region Annual Meeting will live up to the standards to which we have become accustomed.

NAVHDA is currently working on ways to have virtual “e-meetings” to conduct the business portion of the meeting, including the Delegates Meeting, Voting on Motions, and Officer Reports.