



BARN Update on COVID Closure

Hello friends and community members. We wanted to take a moment to update you on what is happening at BARN.

We are aware that in person recovery meetings have been deemed “essential” and we could not agree more with that distinction. However, all meetings must still meet social distancing guidelines, specifically:

- There can be no more than 10 people, who must remain 6 feet apart from each other.
- Indoor meetings are limited to one-half hour.
- Outdoor meetings are limited to one hour.

These guidelines pertain to small meetings but not a facility. Managing these regulations at BARN would be exceedingly difficult and we do not want to place anyone at risk or turn anyone away. Since we have been closed, we have developed several virtual support systems including online and telephone support, which is available 7 days a week. While we know this is not a replacement for in person meetings, we are making every attempt to serve our community during this incredibly difficult time.

Like all of you, we too are missing our friends, family, and recovery community, and are looking forward to the day when we can be together again. We are monitoring the situation very carefully and will continue to listen to the advice and recommendations of our public health officials. At this time, we do not feel we can go further without additional guidance from the State and CDC.

Please remember that help is still available. We encourage everyone to make use of available zoom meetings. You can also call 207-561-9444 for additional telephone support. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you soon!

BARN Management, Staff, and Board of Directors