

Pennsylvania Racing Commission

Contagious Disease / Quarantine Standard Operating Procedure

Contagious diseases are spread by humans who have been in direct contact with a horse suffering from a contagious disease, or by horses having direct contact with another horse. All bio-security measures must be adhered to in order to prevent the further spreading of the disease.

(1) -- Procedure for Preliminary Quarantine

- A. When a horseman, veterinarian or employee observes a horse with symptoms, they shall immediately report this information to the Commission Racetrack Manager.
- B. The Security Director, Director of Racing, Race Secretary, Track Veterinarian, Horsemen's Representative, Commission Veterinarians, Presiding Judge and the Commission Executive Office shall be notified.
- C. The Commission Executive Office will notify the Bureau of Animal Health.
- D. The Security Director will establish a preventative quarantine measure.
- E. Racetrack Security will set up quarantine and bio-security on the suspect barn with Commission oversight.
- F. Only individuals responsible for the direct care of horses shall have access to the barn.
- G. A list of employees shall be submitted to Security who shall have access to the barn.
- H. Only one point of entrance will be established. Additional entrances can later be established for suspect horses.
- I. All individuals attempting to enter the quarantined barn shall wear rubber boots or booties that are decontaminated prior to entering and exiting.
- J. All individuals must sign in and out with security.
- K. The suspect horse will be tested for a contagious disease by the closest facility.

(2) -- Positive Test Result

- A. The barn shall be quarantined for a period of no less than 21 days or at the direction of the Bureau of Animal Health. Ship-in/out may be suspended until further information is received.
- B. No horses from quarantined barn are eligible to race during this time.
- C. Segregated exercise times will be established for contaminated barns.
- D. All horses shall be temperature checked in the morning and again in the evening.
- E. A log of all temperatures shall be placed on each stall.
- F. Any fever above 102.5 degrees shall be reported.
- G. Commission Veterinarians shall check temperature logs once a day.
- H. The positive horse should be relocated off site if able. The location of the horse must be obtained and no other horses may be at the facility.
- I. If an off-site location is unavailable, the track will designate a barn to be utilized.
- J. Manure station(s) shall be utilized for the quarantined barn and labeled with appropriate signage.
- K. All equipment in quarantined barn must be disinfected along with all stalls.
- L. Receiving Barn, Paddock, starting gate and all equipment shall be disinfected on a daily basis.
- M. If any horse expires during a contagious disease outbreak, it shall be sent for a necropsy.

The Bureau of Animal Health will oversee all contagious disease outbreaks, provide guidance, and make recommendations to limit the spread of the disease. All human traffic shall be limited. Additional biosecurity measures may be taken at any time.

REPORTABLE DISEASES – VETERINARIAN’S ROLE

When a track Veterinarian suspects a reportable disease at the Meadows racetrack, they must notify:

- 1) Department of Agriculture (PDA) –
Region 4 Office @ 724-443-1585
OR
Dr. Erin Moore @ 717-443-1175 (cell)**
- 2) PA Racing Commission –
Meadows Office @ 724-223-4585
After hours @ 412-956-4665 (cell)**

Do not ship suspect case off the grounds until the PA Racing Commission and PDA have been notified and given approval.

If neurological Herpes is suspected, you must send all necessary samples to:

**PA Veterinary Lab
2305 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110
717-787-8808**

When there is a confirmed neurological case at the Meadows:

- 1) ALL barns must take temperatures 2x daily and record results**
- 2) Practice biosecurity in EVERY barn as posted, using rubber boots/foot baths, etc**

If any neurological case is down, call the main stable gate at extension 2373 and they will contact North Strabane Fire and Rescue for help moving the horse.

Any horse that expires during a contagious disease outbreak will be sent for necropsy.



STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

Quarantine Procedures for Racing Security and Track Mgt 18MAY18

I. Purpose

To protect the life, property and security of this facility and all its occupants during a quarantine event. The following policy is designed and intended to be a skeleton procedure that can be procedurally altered by events.

II. Scope

This Standard is intended to apply to any and all Meadows Racing Security Officers and Track personnel.

III. Procedure-Racing Security

- A. Once the Chief of Racing Security, or his designated agents, are notified that there is a quarantine situation by the Commission, Mobile along with the Sergeant (or most Senior Officer) will gather the necessary supplies and begin quarantine procedures.
- B. Stable Gate will begin a log of notification time, location, etc. Stable Gate will need to be vigilant if traffic needs to be stopped going in or out of the property.
- C. Mobile will take bleach, footbaths and caution tape to the barn(s) and begin to rope off using the caution tape all entrances but one (1) to begin. Once Security arrives all horse traffic in and out of the barn(s) stops.
- D. A bleach and water solution (one cup bleach to one gallon of water) will be placed in the footbaths for all designated people to use when entering and exiting. There will be no exceptions.
- E. Security will establish a log of who is in the barn(s) and begin to log each individual (verify by their SHRC license) that are present in the barn(s).
- F. Security will get a list from the Owners/Trainers of that barn(s) of who is permitted (Responsible for Direct Care) in the barn(s). Only those on the list given to Security will be permitted to access the quarantine barn(s). Security has the final say in protecting life, property and security of the facility.
- G. All individuals attempting to enter the quarantined barn(s) shall wear rubber boots/booties that are decontaminated prior to entering and exiting. No exceptions.
- H. All individuals that are on the approved list will sign in and out with Security in person.
- I. Once quarantine is established MSOA is to be contacted and updated on the measures taken up to this point.
- J. If a horse expires during a contagious disease event, it shall be sent for a necropsy.
- K. Any further measures as determined by the State Veterinarian from the Bureau of Animal Health



IV. Procedure-Track Personnel

- A. Once it is determined that there is a quarantine barn(s) on property and at the direction of the Racing Secretary plans for disinfecting the Paddock and various areas must begin.
- B. Starting Gate must be disinfected
- C. All Paddock stalls: Walls, floors, aisle ways and cross ties must be disinfected.
- D. Commission area stalls: Walls, floors, aisle ways and cross ties must be disinfected.
- E. Saddle pads must be placed in a bleach and water solution to be cleaned and dried.
- F. Bleach wipes for helmets must be used between races to help with bio-security
- G. Dedicated manure station(s) shall be set up outside the quarantined barn(s) and labeled with the appropriate signage.