

MEMORANDUM TO HORSEMEN
FROM FAIR GROUNDS MANAGEMENT (rev. 1/22/17)

The following is a recap of the current Equine Herpes EHV-1 outbreak on the backstretch at Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots:

- Sunday, December 25th** - Filly in Barn 14 trained by Alice Cohn spiked fever with neurological signs of EHV-1
- Monday, December 26th** - Blood pulled, filly euthanized, EHV-1 positive confirmed
- Barn 14 placed under mandated quarantine for 14 days
- Thursday, December 29th** - Second filly in Barn 14 trained by Jeff Thornbury spiked fever, was pulled from barn and isolated, blood pulled the next morning on December 30th.
- Saturday, December 31st** - Second test confirmed positive; Barn 14 quarantine reset
- Colt in Barn 36 trained by Mike Stidham spiked fever, removed from barn and isolated, blood pulled
- Sunday, January 1st** - Colt tested positive for different "wild strain"
- Barn 36 placed under mandated quarantine for 14 days
- Monday, January 2nd** - New Horse in Barn 14 trained by Tom Amoss spiked fever, was pulled from barn and isolated, blood pulled. Test returned negative.
- Horse in receiving barn trained by Chris Davis spiked fever, blood pulled. Test was positive for "wild strain"
- Receiving barn placed under mandated quarantine for 14 days
- Tuesday, January 3rd** - Filly in Barn 47 trained by Steve Asmussen, spiked fever and was tested for EHV-1. The blood test was negative, but the nasal swab was positive for "wild strain".
- Barn 47 placed under mandated quarantine for 14 days, horse released and will be isolated on private farm.
- Saturday, January 7th** - Two horses in Barn 36, trained by Mike Stidham, tested positive for "wild strain" after originally returning negative tests Wednesday. Barn 36 quarantine reset.
- Horse in Barn 4 trained by Merrill Scherer and horse in Barn 47 trained by Kenneth Hargrave spiked fevers, both tests returned negative. Re-test in 72 hours.
- Tuesday, January 10th** - Dr. Nathan Slovis, expert on equine herpes, visited from Kentucky for the day at FG to review and assist efforts.
- Horse in Barn 4 trained by Merrill Scherer tested positive for "wild strain" after originally returning negative tests on Jan.7. Barn 4 placed under mandated quarantine for 14 days.
- Horse in Barn 47 trained by Kenneth Hargrave tested positive for "wild strain" after originally returning negative tests on Jan.7. Barn 47 quarantine reset.
- Horse in barn 30 trained by Tim Glyshaw spiked fever late in evening of Jan. 9, blood pulled Jan. 10, test returned positive for "wild strain." Barn 30 placed under mandated quarantine for 14 days
- Wednesday, January 11th** - Blood pulled and nasal swabs taken for all horses in three quarantined barns: 41 horses tested in Barn 36; 44 horses tested in Barn 14; 17 horses tested in Receiving Barn.
- Thursday, January 12th** - Backstretch placed under mandatory quarantine by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture.
- Horse in Barn 20, trained by William Heffner, spiked fever. Test returned negative.
- 19 horses in Barn 14 returned positive tests after entire barn had blood pulled and nasal swabs taken Wednesday
- Friday, January 13th** - Nine horses in Barn 36 returned positive tests for "wild strain" after entire barn had blood pulled and nasal swabs taken Wednesday
- Two horses in Receiving Barn returned positive tests for "wild strain" after entire barn had blood pulled and nasal swabs taken Wednesday
- One horse in Barn 45, trained by Andrew McKeever, returned a positive test for "wild strain." Barn 45 placed under mandated quarantine for 14 days
- Sunday, January 15th** - Horse in Barn 20, trained by William Heffner, returned second negative test.
- Monday, January 16th** - Horse in Barn 14, trained by Jeff Thornbury, who tested positive December 31st, returned first negative test result. Will be re-tested Thursday, January 19.
- LSRC Chairman Bob Wright requested meeting with Louisiana Department of Agriculture to discuss protocols moving forward.

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Wednesday, January 18th

- Louisiana Department of Agriculture implements new protocols: Unaffected barns may be released from quarantine as early as Jan. 21 barring presence of new horses developing clinical signs consistent with virus; Affected barns may be released as early as Jan. 23 barring presence of new horses developing clinical signs consistent with virus; Isolated horses will be eligible for quarantine release after two consecutive negative tests, not less than 72 hours apart, after 14 days in quarantine. Testing may begin on Jan. 23.

Sunday, January 22nd

- Louisiana Department of Agriculture lifts quarantine on Fair Grounds backstretch effective 12 a.m. Horses in unaffected barns may now ship in and out of Fair Grounds. Horses in affected barns continue to follow protocols and may be released from quarantine at future dates as directed by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture

Current Fair Grounds Training Schedule:

- General horse population: 5:00 a.m. to 9 a.m. with a 7:00 a.m. break
- Quarantined Barns: 9:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. *please note they will not train at the same time.*
 - Barn 4, Barn 30, Barn 36, Barn 45, Barn 47 & Receiving Barn will be permitted to train from 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
 - Barn 14 will be permitted to train from 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Information and Protocols for Quarantined Barns:

- A) No movement of horses on or off the premises
- B) Access is limited to essential personnel
- C) Proper biosecurity measures are in place including the use of disinfectant, hand sanitizer, gloves, etc.
- D) Horses temperatures are checked and recorded twice daily
- E) Fever of 101.5 or greater should be reported to a vet for follow up testing
- F) Eliminate direct horse-to-horse contact and sharing of equipment
- G) Assistant State Veterinarian Diane Stacy, DVM, met with all practicing vets on property to discuss the situation and answer questions.
- H) Fair Grounds management held a meeting on Thursday, January 5th in the Black Gold Room at 12:30pm to address outstanding questions and concerns.

Fair Grounds is suggesting that all non-quarantined barns monitor the temperatures of all horses on the grounds and immediately report any temperature greater than 103.0. Barns are encouraged to monitor horses for clinical signs compatible with EHV-1 infection which can include ocular or nasal discharge, limb edema and neurologic signs such as unsteady gait, weakness, urine dribbling, lack of tail tone and recumbency.

Timeline Moving Forward:

- Barn 30: Out of quarantine on January 24th at the discretion of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture
- Barn 47: Out of quarantine on January 24th at the discretion of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture
- Barn 4: Out of quarantine on January 24th at the discretion of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture
- Barn 14: Out of quarantine on January 30th at the discretion of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture
- Receiving Barn: Out of quarantine on January 30th at the discretion of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture
- Barn 36: Out of quarantine on January 30th at the discretion of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture