



## **NORTH DAKOTA RACING COMMISSION**

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In early April a case of EHV-1 (clinical form EHM) was confirmed in South Dakota. In an effort to insure the health of your horses and that our tracks are not put under quarantine, the following direction has been provided by our State Racing vet:

- Race horses should avoid all contact with cutting horses and cutting horse events. These have been the only carriers so far.
  - If there is contact, do not bring those horses to the track.
  - Isolate and observe those horses including taking temperatures twice a day for a minimum of 14 days.
  - Anything over 102 degrees is considered a possible infection.
- It is strongly recommended that you vaccinate your horses at the earliest opportunity.
  - If it is the first time the horse has been vaccinated:
    - Use a killed vaccine, not live.
    - Do not give it in combination, use only Rhinopneumonitis.
  - There is no need to re-vaccinate if it was done this spring.
  - If you have vaccinated previously, but not this spring, give the applicable booster as soon as possible.
- Use appropriate biosecurity protocols.
  - Do not share equipment.
    - Clean equipment regularly including buckets, feed tubs, bits, etc.
    - Clorox or Lysol wipes are recommended for regular disinfection.
  - Wash your hands regularly as you can transmit the virus.
  - Dogs can also transmit the virus between horses.
    - All dogs must be on a leash and contained in their barn area.
    - Dogs may not be on the grounds without the permission of the State Vet.
  - A biosecurity brochure can be found on the Racing Commission website here: <https://racingcommission.nd.gov/horsemen>
- No horse will be allowed entry to the grounds without an inspection.
  - It is recommended you temp your horses regularly.
  - All possible symptoms should be reported to the vet immediately.

Any general questions regarding EHV-1 or biosecurity should be directed to your local vet. Any questions specific to track protocols should be directed to track management or the State Vet.