

EHV Warning

Due to concerns about the national spread of EHV, the State is imposing quarantines on any facilities which test positive for EHV. You will not be able to remove or bring in any horses until 21 days after the last EHV symptoms are present. All horsemen must do their part to reduce the risk of this occurring.

As a result of the high incidence of EHV at racetracks across the nation and the potential impact on the ND race season, the Commission is providing the following recommendations to horsemen to protect their horses and keep their meets open:

- If you claim a horse from an area which has had an outbreak, have it tested. Info on affected areas can be found here: <http://equinediseasecc.org/outbreaks.aspx>.
- Vaccinate your horse against EHV-1. This is not an absolute preventative, but can possibly reduce the severity of the infection and possibly prevent the death of your horse. Make sure to follow labeling/Vet directions and administer within the proper time period before the meet to have the desired effect.
- Check your horses temperature before shipping. An elevated temperature of 102 degrees or more can indicate a potential infection and the need to consult a Vet.
- Follow biosecurity procedures before and during the meet. It is important to limit nose-to-nose contact with other horses and the sharing of buckets. These are the easiest ways for EHV to be transmitted. A copy of the USDA Biosecurity Brochure will be available at the track or can be found here: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal_health/2011/bro_keep_horses_healthy.pdf.

As required by our rules, all horsemen must have current health certs and coggins on file with the race office. Be aware that a State Vet Field Investigator will be at the meets to check paperwork/horses. Anyone found without the appropriate paperwork will be subject to disciplinary action by the Stewards and Commission. Any horses found to have EHV symptoms will be subject to further testing.

Remember EHV can kill your horse and end the race season for everyone!

Do your part to reduce the risks.