



Please read the following regarding the temperature protocol for Sire Stake Days at Plainridge.

Temperature Checks for Horses on Sire Stake Days

The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources has strongly recommended that all horses coming in to race on Sire Stake days at Plainridge have their temperatures checked before they enter the barn area, as an added safeguard for the Sire Stakes program. Please see below as the horsemen and horsewomen, MDAR, Plainridge Park Casino, and the Massachusetts Gaming Commission work to protect the health of our racing athletes.

- Horses coming off trailers that are going directly to Lasix administration will get their temperatures scanned there.
- Horses that will be going directly into the barn area will get their temperatures scanned as they enter the barn area.
- Horses with an elevated temperature (102.0 F or higher) will be segregated and their temperatures reevaluated after a resting period, as it is recognized that shipping may elevate temperatures. This may include the taking of a rectal temperature.
- Horses with a continued elevated temperature will be evaluated by the Association Veterinarian and ultimately may be scratched.
- As a reminder, horsemen are to take the temperatures of their horses before they ship to ensure that the horse is normal. Trainers should not ship horses to Plainridge that have an elevated temperature.
- Trainers will still be asked to report that temperature when they check-in at the top stable gate. This is not a change in procedure.
- Do not be late for Lasix. They will be able to scan temperatures there.