

AIKEN HORSE PARK FOUNDATION

2025 Isolation Protocol

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1. PROTOCOLS FOR FEBRILE HORSES

- a. After notification of an elevated temperature, a clinical exam will be performed by the official show vet in conjunction with the owner/trainers regular veterinarian. If deemed appropriate by the show vet and/or show management, testing for EHV-1 and/or isolation may be required.
- b. Febrile horses will remain under supervision of the show vet and show management. Return to exercise will be determined on a case-by-case basis.
- c. The Trainer/ Barn Manager is required to oversee temperature check of all horses in the cohort to ensure no additional fevers are identified. Show Management and/or the Show Veterinarian will spot check temperature logs at their discretion.

2. PROTOCOLS FOR EHV-1 POSITIVE HORSES

- a. Should a febrile horse be considered as suspicious for EHV-1, the horse will be moved to isolation.
- b. Testing for EHV-1 will be conducted in consultation with the Official Show Vet. The State Vet and USEF will be notified in the case of a positive result.
- c. Isolation protocols will require the horse to have two negative EHV-1 tests separated by seven (7) days. Once that has occurred the horse will be returned to its stall and is free to return to exercise and competition following consultation between Management, the Official Show Vet and the horse owner/trainer and their regular vet. The trainer/owner of a horse testing positive for EHV-1 may elect to have the horse undergo isolation at home, subject to permission from the State veterinarian.
- d. Additional biosecurity protocols will be implemented at the barn/tent of the positive horse subject to the recommendation of the State or Show veterinarians. Temperature checks will be monitored by the show vet and/or management. Based on the potential exposure assessment, access to barn aisle(s) will be limited and Foot baths and additional stall disinfectant applications will be in place at the direction of show management. These will remain in place for seven (7) days assuming no additional febrile horses have been identified. Horses will be free to exercise and compete during this period with mandatory protocols in place.
- e. Should any additional horses from the cohort become febrile, they will be moved to isolation and tested for EHV-1. If the horses test negative, the horses with an elevated temperature will be required to stay in isolation until a subsequent negative test occurs 48 hours later. Return to exercise will be decided upon on a case-by-case basis.
- f. Should a second horse test positive for EHV-1 in the cohort, the State Vet will be immediately notified and the cohort will be under AHPF quarantine until seven (days) after the positive horses have cleared isolation and no other horses in the cohort are febrile or with clinical signs. All horses in the cohort will be required to stay in their stall. Positive horses will be relocated to isolation. Horses will be monitored until no additional fevers have been identified and the positive EHV-1 horses have been cleared. During this time, management and the show veterinarian will conduct additional monitoring of the barn/tent. AHPF quarantine procedures include a secure area around the barn with limited access.

3. PROTOCOLS FOR EHM SITUATION

- a. Should a febrile horse show neurological deficits consistent with EHM the horse will be immediately isolated and tested for EHV-1. Recommendation for immediate referral and hospitalization will likely be made. The State Vet has jurisdiction at all times to alter these protocols.
- b. During this time, after the State Vets investigation and recommendation the “exposed” barn aisles or entire tent will be placed under precautionary biosecurity protocols, including foot baths, show vet and management monitored temperature checks, and further limited access.
- c. Should the horse test positive for EHM, the State Vet will assume responsibility for quarantine and other protocols until the quarantine is cleared.

4. AHPF MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

- a. AHPF Management will report all positive cases of EHV-1 to the State and USEF. All communication to participants at Bruce’s Field will be approved by USEF.
- b. AHPF Management will ensure adequate supplies of PPE, disinfectants and bath supplies are available at all times.
- c. Any decision to limit, postpone, or cancel a competition, and subsequent decisions to resume competition, will be made in consultation with the State Veterinarian and USEF.
- d. All official communication regarding confirmed positive EHV-1 will be reviewed and approved by the State Vet and USEF.