



Equine Arrival & Departure Protocol  
*As of April 26, 2021*

In response to the recent EHV-1 outbreak in Europe and similar cases in the United States which have resulted in multiple horse deaths, The Aiken Horse Park Foundation is increasing our biosecurity protocols to do our part to keep your horses safe, as well as those of your fellow competitors.

The following protocols will be in place for all horses arriving and competing during the 2021 Aiken Charity Horse Shows.

Management has consulted with the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) and the Official Competition Veterinarians, Southern Equine Service, to create this plan.

**As of Monday, April 26, all horses entering the Aiken Horse Park Foundation must present the following documentation upon arrival for each horse:**

- 1. A Health Certificate or Statement on licensed veterinarian letterhead must be signed and dated by a licensed veterinarian within 30 days of arrival at AHPF.**

**The statement must include the following:**

- a. Horse has received regular and consistent vaccination against Equine Influenza and EHV-1/4 with the most recent booster being within 180 days (*as per USEF GR 845*).
- b. Horse has not shown symptoms of or been treated for EHV-1/4 within the past 30 days.
- c. Horse has not been at a facility under quarantine for EHV-1/4 or exposed to any horses showing symptoms of EHV-1/4 within the past 30 days.

- d. Current vaccination against WNV, EEE, WEE, Tetanus. *Rabies vaccine is strongly recommended.*
2. All horses are required to have a current Coggins test within one year and be vaccinated for Influenza at least 2 weeks and no more than 6 months prior to arrival.
3. All barns are required to check the temperature of all horses once they arrive at AHPF, prior to entering the barn. If a horse has a temperature of 101.5 or higher, AHPF management must be contacted immediately and the horse placed in an isolation stall, on-site to allow for time to recheck temperature prior to entering the barn.
4. AHPF will require all barns on AHPF show grounds to maintain a temperature log with twice-daily temperatures recorded and require posting on each horse's stall door. Random checks by approved veterinary staff may be implemented.
5. Any horse on the show grounds with a fever of unknown origin or of suspicious origin must be reported to AHPF Management immediately. It is always better to err on the side of safety. Isolation stalls will either be available on the grounds or at a local veterinary practice if the need arises.

It is our shared responsibility to keep our horses safe. Similar to the suggested protocols in place for humans due to COVID-19, we urge all equestrians to please remember and abide by the following biosecurity measures:

- Take all horses' temperature daily and report any horse with a temperature above 101.5 degrees Fahrenheit or any signs of respiratory or neurological disease to your veterinarian and/or show management
- Avoid mixing of horses where possible, practice equine 'social distancing'
- Please take the time to review equine good hygiene practices and impress its importance to your grooms and barn managers in everyday care
- Bring your own hoses to barns and do not share water buckets or fill from hoses used by other horses.
- Every effort should be made to minimize stress and commingling of horses shipped long distances. Extra hours on a horse van or moving from stable to stable is the fastest way to compromise your horses' and your neighbor's horses' health

Further biosecurity protocols and additional resources can be found here:  
[United States Department of Agriculture Information on Equine Herpesvirus](#)

[American Association of Equine Practitioners FAQ on Equine Herpesvirus](#)

[United States Equestrian Federation Biosecurity Measures for Horses at Home and at Competitions](#)

**Report any issues or concerns to:**

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If you have any questions or concerns about your horse's health, please contact our veterinary partners: Southern Equine Service Dr. Tom Stinner 803.644.1544