2018 Kentucky EHV-1 Investigations Summary

Releasing EHV1 Quarantines/Restrictions in Racing and/or Training Environments

The protocol we follow is established and implemented to manage the disease event, mitigate further disease transmission, while continuing enabling us to maintain operational normalcy in a safe and effective manner. The foundation we work from requires the barn's last exposure to clinical cases being greater than 14 days (adjusted upwards if warranted) and the barns entire population testing negative by PCR on both nasal swab and whole blood buffy coat. Our opinion is that utilizing daily monitoring, defined time from last exposure, and having those findings supported by diagnostic testing that demonstrates the population is negative are essential to mitigating the risk associated with disease events in environments such as these. This protocol has worked well for us in the past and we appreciate the commitment, cooperation and diligence provided by all horsemen in response to efforts to manage disease risk as efficiently as possible.