

TURFWAY PARK UPDATES

March 7, 2018

Racing at Turfway Park continues uninterrupted.

Regarding horses shipping onto the Turfway Backside: Our protocol regarding stabling of horses shipping in to race remains unchanged. Trainers shipping in to race or train will continue to be assigned stabling in the receiving barns unless the individual trainer has stalls permanently assigned on the backside. Trainers electing to stable in their assigned stalls do understand and agree to comply with our directive that the horses stabled with the general population are required to remain on the grounds for the defined period of time (currently 7 days). All horses entering the stabling area are required to present valid certificates (EIA and Health Certificate) qualifying the horse's entry onto the backside. The Health Certificate must include statements that demonstrate a valid EHV-1 vaccination history.

March 1, 2018

Barn 14 at Turfway Park is Released From Quarantine.

Results of testing from the population of horses in the quarantined barn at Turfway Park have been reported negative. In addition to the testing that has been completed, it has been greater than 14 days since the population was last exposed to a clinical case. Horses in the barn are under no further restrictions and may resume to training with the general population. With the release of this barn, there are no barns under restriction or quarantine at Turfway Park Race Course in Florence, KY.

Horses that had previously tested positive do remain under regulatory monitoring and are in quarantine off site.

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February 14, 2018

There have been no fevers nor any other evidence of illness reported in the quarantine barn at Turfway Park, and going through the barn last night, I did observe the population as being bright, alert, eating and with no evidence of illness. I plan to be back on the backside and in the barn tomorrow evening as well.

Our plan is to collect samples (nasal swabs and whole blood) from each of the horses in the quarantine barn next week that could potentially qualify the quarantine and other restrictions to be released.

Will keep you updated as new information becomes available.

-Rusty

February 7, 2018

Both of the horses that had tested positive yesterday have since been removed from the grounds and are in isolation at a private facility.

The horses that had moved from the quarantine barn prior to restrictions being implemented have all been sampled and testing completed. Each horse has been reported negative by PCR on both nasal swabs and whole blood, and do remain in isolation.

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February 6, 2018

Results of PCR testing conducted by the University of Kentucky's Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory on the 26 horses stabled in the quarantine barn have identified 2 additional horses to be affected with Equine Herpesvirus Type-1, the remaining 24 horses all tested negative on both nasal swab and whole blood. One of the two positive horses was found positive on both nasal swab and in the buffy coat, the second being positive only on the nasal swab. Arrangements are underway for these two horses, along with the non-thoroughbred in the barn, to be removed from the backside and into isolation off the grounds.

February 5, 2018

Samples (nasal swabs and whole blood) were collected and submitted to the University of Kentucky's Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory from each of the 26 horses (25 thoroughbred and 1 other) stabled in the quarantine barn. Results of this testing are expected to be available on Tuesday afternoon (2/6).

February 2, 2018

On Friday morning (2/2), the Kentucky Department Agriculture was advised of a horse being discovered down in the stall and unable to rise. The barn was immediately locked down meaning nothing in or out. Diagnostic samples (nasal swabs and whole blood buffy coat) were collected and submitted for EHV testing. Results of this testing were reported EHV-1 positive 'wild type' on both the nasal swab and buffy coat giving clear evidence of the virus' presence. The patient's condition

continued to worsen, resulting in euthanasia, and submission of the carcass to UK's Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory for necropsy.

With the diagnosis of this patient being affected with an active EHV-1 with neurologic deficit, an official Order of Quarantine was issued and biosecurity on the affected barn was raised to Alert Status – restricting entry of persons to only those having an essential task and with proper biosecurity measures implemented. Each individual departing the quarantine area is directed to leave their protective outerwear in the quarantine, cleaning/disinfecting on exit and movement to any other area with equine prohibited. Security personnel are assigned to supervise and record all movement of personnel. No movement of horses into or out of the quarantine barn is permitted without KDA approval.

Kentucky Office of State Veterinarian, Kentucky Horse Racing Officials, Track Management, attending veterinarians shared information and horsemen were invited to attend an information sharing meeting on Saturday morning to ensure factual information is available to them.

KDA officials have and will continue to have presence on the backside. Following is a summary of the actions we have taken, implemented and the monitoring activity in place.

Kentucky's Racing Safeguard is ENHANCED BIOSECURITY: Currently live racing is being conducted at Turfway Park in Florence, KY. Disease mitigating strategies have been implemented at the track to help maintain a safe and healthy environment to conduct live racing. There are currently no horses on the backside that have tested positive to EHV. Movement within and around the affected barn is heavily regulated with 24-hour security. Additional strategies include control and oversight of horse movement onto and off the track, restrict in/out ship-ins to the receiving barn and/or the stakes barn directly to stalls assigned by the race secretary and stable manager, elevating our daily biosecurity practices to include enhanced race day cleaning/disinfecting of common areas and equipment to include starting gates, receiving barn, test barn, etc. Additionally, veterinary

practitioners, racing officials, track management and representatives of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture maintain a constant and open line of communication.

1. The population in the quarantined barn (40 stalls) is comprised of 25 equine, 4 stalls with stacked straw and shaving, 11 boxes empty or holds miscellaneous tack/equipment/supplies.
2. Horses from the quarantine barn will be permitted to exercise during established times when no other horses are on the grounds. An outrider dedicated to work this training session will be scheduled.
3. In addition to the population in the quarantine barn, horses with potential exposure were traced to two additional premises – and they too are being monitored and the exposure evaluated.

To qualify for releasing the quarantine.

The protocol we follow, and horsemen accept, is to use daily monitoring and diagnostic testing. The affected horse was euthanized and removed from the barn Friday night, we are currently Day 1 monitoring from last known exposure. The testing schedule is currently being coordinated – prior to restrictions being released the barn’s entire population will complete a minimum period of 14 days post exposure with no evidence of EHV illness/infection and all horses testing negative on both nasal swab and buffy coat.

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture’s Office of State Veterinarian will keep you apprised and updated as new facts are established. Additionally, we will be making notification/update to the general public a bit later this afternoon.

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