

## **MHSA RECOMMENDED BIOSECURITY PROTOCOLS**

In response to the recent EHV outbreak, the MHSA recommends the following biosecurity protocols and guidelines for all licensed horse shows.

1. Current Vaccination record and Coggins documentation should be presented by email or directly to office secretary.

2. A Statement of Health should be signed by the owner or designated caregiver, documenting that horse(s) has:

- Received regular and consistent vaccination against Equine Influenza and EHV1/4 with most recent booster being within 180 days (as per USEF GR 845) and not within 7 days. Under no circumstances should a horse compete within 7 days of being vaccinated.

- Not shown symptoms of or been treated for EHV-1/4 within the past 28 days.

- 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 28 days.

- Not had a temperature of over above 101.5 degrees Fahrenheit or any signs of respiratory or neurological disease within the last 14 days.

- Current negative Coggins documentation.

3. It is our shared responsibility to keep our horses safe. Much like 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.

- Take the temperature of all horses prior to shipping to the Free State Riding Club, and do not bring any febrile horses to the show.

- Avoid mixing of horses where possible and practice equine 'social distancing.'

- Ensure good hygiene and biosecurity at the show and your home farms.

- Make sure your horses are currently vaccinated for influenza and EHV. Under no circumstances should a horse compete within 7 days of being vaccinated.

- You should be able to document your horse's normal temperature before arrival. Please do not ship horses with elevated temperatures. It is recommended that you establish a log of temperatures taken at least twice daily. If there is an elevated temperature for more than a 24-hour period, please consult your local Veterinarian immediately.