

As reported by the NRCHA on 4/11 two horses at the NRCHA Stallion Stakes were subsequently diagnosed with EHV-1, resulting in a potential exposure for horses that attended the Stakes which concluded on 4/6. According to the California Department of Food and Agriculture the virus can survive on contaminated surfaces for 1 week and the incubation period can be up to 2 weeks so the period of risk from the potential exposure at the Stakes ended on 4/27. The CDFA has reported one subsequent case at a racetrack facility in Alameda county for which the quarantine ended on 4/6. Therefore, we believe there is no elevated EHV-1 risk for our show #3 on 5/4.

However, please consider the following general guidelines provided by the CDFA:

CDFA Animal Health Officials are continually monitoring for EHV-1 cases. CDFA reminds horse owners traveling with horses to participate in an equine event, that there is always disease risk when horses of unknown health status are commingled for a show or competition. CDFA strongly recommends that horse owners practice proper biosecurity when attending an equine event. Compliance with basic biosecurity practices is an important factor in reducing risk of exposure to all contagious equine diseases. Basic biosecurity measures to follow to decrease potential disease spread at equine events include:

- Limit horse-to-horse contact
- Limit horse-to-human-to-horse contact
- Avoid use of communal water sources
- Avoid sharing of equipment unless thoroughly cleaned and disinfected between uses
- Monitor your horse for clinical signs of disease and report any temperature over 102°F to a veterinarian

Further, in consideration of the recent cases we will be taking the following precautions for show #3:

- No on-site stabling
- No common water sources
- Back gate monitor will not make contact with horses or handle bridles during bit checks, bridles to be presented for inspection by exhibitors or their representatives

We will re-evaluate the situation prior to our subsequent events.