

Communication from Office of State Veterinarian – April 6th, 2022

We are continuing to monitor disease events occurring in other racing jurisdictions. Below is our current understanding as well as our direction to KY tracks and their associated sanctioned training centers prohibiting and/or qualifying movement of horses onto KY tracks/training centers from various areas of the country. The directions apply only to movement of horses to racing/training facilities and does not prohibit movement to farms where we will work to qualify individual movements to tracks.

Current Status April 6, 2022

Penn National Race Course:

Through conversation on Tuesday April 5 with the veterinarian overseeing the quarantine/restriction in place at Penn National, I learned that their plan is to release the quarantine and all restrictions imposed by the track as early as Thursday, April 7.

Parx Racing:

As anticipated, the quarantine/restrictions disallowing movement of horses from Parx was released.

At this time our position is unchanged and movement of horses that are or have been at Parx will need to be approved by the Kentucky Office State Veterinarian to enter the grounds of a Kentucky track or sanctioned training center.

Fonner Park:

Recently published reports state that the quarantine prohibiting movement of horses off the grounds has been partially released in that horses stabled outside of Barn R are now permitted to exit the grounds unrestricted. Horses in Barn R remain under quarantine.

MOVEMENT OF HORSES FROM:

Penn National: Assuming the release of the quarantine and restrictions previously imposed by the track occurs as scheduled on Thursday, our position will be that horses which originate from or have recently (since March 29th) been on the grounds at Penn National will need to be approved by the Kentucky Office State Veterinarian to enter the grounds of a Kentucky track or sanctioned training center. Horses moving from Penn can qualify for approval to enter a Kentucky track or sanctioned training center if they have documentation demonstrating they were moved off the grounds of Penn prior to March 29th - OR - horses moving directly from or having recently been at Penn can potentially qualify if, after departing the grounds, they are examined by a veterinarian and tested negative by PCR for EHV-1 (nasal swab and whole blood - EDTA). Horses meeting this criteria may be approved for entry onto a Kentucky racing or training facility. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for the horse(s) from the point where the sample was collected needs to be issued for movement to the Kentucky racing or training facility and must document the EHV1 testing and current health assessment in addition to meeting the normal entry requirements that includes EHV1 vaccination and EIA test certificate.

Parx: Our position is unchanged and horses which have recently (since March 7) been on the grounds at Parx, can qualify for approval to enter a Kentucky track or sanctioned training center if they have documentation demonstrating they have been off the grounds of Parx for 30 days - OR – horses moving from Penn can potentially qualify if after departing the grounds they are examined by a veterinarian and tested negative by PCR for EHV-1 (nasal swab and whole blood - EDTA). Horses meeting this criteria may be approved for entry onto a Kentucky racing or training facility. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for the horse(s) from the point where the sample was collected needs to be issued for movement to the Kentucky racing or training facility and must document the EHV1 testing and current health assessment in addition to meeting the normal entry requirements that includes EHV1 vaccination and EIA test certificate.

Fonner Park: With horses now being allowed to depart Fonner Park unrestricted, movement of horses that are or have been at Fonner Park since March 12, will need to be approved by the KY Office State Veterinarian to enter the grounds of a Kentucky track or sanctioned training center. Such horses can potentially qualify if after departing the grounds they are examined by a veterinarian and tested negative by PCR for EHV-1 (nasal swab and whole blood - EDTA). Horses meeting this criteria may be approved for entry onto a Kentucky racing or training facility. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for the horse(s) from the point where the sample was collected needs to be issued for movement to the Kentucky racing or training facility and must document the EHV1 testing and current health assessment in addition to meeting the normal entry requirements that includes EHV1 vaccination and EIA test certificate.

Rusty

E.S. Rusty Ford

Rusty.ford@ky.gov

Equine Operations Consultant

Office State Veterinarian

KY Department Agriculture

502/782-5924