



CHURCHILL DOWNS

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To: All Horsemen

From: Ben Huffman, Vice President, Director of Racing/ Racing Secretary
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Re: Requirements for entry of horses into stable areas

In an effort to control the spread of communicable equine diseases, and after consulting with the Kentucky State Veterinary Office and the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission, the following conditions must be met before any horse will be permitted to enter Churchill Downs' stable areas:

All horses, including lead ponies, seeking entrance to the stable area shall be accompanied by a current negative EIA Test (aka Coggins) dated within 12 months and listed on a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) with the examination and issuance of the certificate being signed and dated by a licensed veterinarian within 72 hours prior to arrival.

Vaccination Requirements

Each horse entering the backside be vaccinated against Equine Herpes virus Type 1 (EHV-1) by or under supervision of a licensed veterinarian a minimum of **14 days and no more than 120 days prior** to entering the stable area. The inoculation should be recorded on the CVI by the issuing veterinarian and include the **name of the product administered and date of inoculation**. Once a horse receives the initial EHV-1 vaccination, revaccination should occur every 120 days. Please note the minimum 14-day requirement applies only to horses that have not been vaccinated for EHV-1 during the preceding 120 days.

Additionally, **HISA Rule 2143** has established requirements for mandatory tests and vaccines necessary to both enter the backside and race. In order to be eligible to race under HISA regulations, these requirements must be met. To ensure your horse can race, please make sure your horse has the following vaccines and tests up-to-date:

- Negative Coggins Test (within prior 12 months)
- Encephalitides (Eastern, Western, and West Nile) Vaccine (within prior 12 months)
- Rabies Vaccine (within prior 12 months)
- Tetanus Vaccine (within prior 12 months)
- Influenza Vaccine (within prior 120 days or sooner per KDA guidelines)
- Rhinopneumonitis Vaccine (within prior 120 days or sooner per KDA guidelines)

Equine Herpes and Strangles are contagious equine diseases that continue to be a concern in the United States. The foregoing requirements have been established to safeguard all horses stabled, training, and racing at Churchill Downs.

In addition to the requirements for entering and stabling of horses at Churchill Downs, the State Veterinary Office asks that horsemen maintain a temperature chart on each horse and that they report immediately to their veterinarian and track officials any temperature 1.5 degrees above the animal's normal at-rest temperature.

Health Requirements for horses entering the grounds are subject to change without advance notice. Churchill Downs reserves the right to request proof of vaccination records.

Your ongoing cooperation is appreciated.