



APHRC Update on Strangles – November 25, 2020

On Wednesday (Nov. 25) the Atlantic Provinces Harness Racing Commission announced that three new clinical cases of strangles have been verified and are in the same stable as the initial case confirmed on November 6, 2020. These cases were found as part of the testing by the Atlantic Veterinary College under the protocol implemented by the APHRC, Red Shores, and the College.

Testing continues at the affected stable's locations, both of which are quarantined.

Based upon Veterinary advice and direction, racing will continue at Red Shores, but entries from the impacted stable will not compete as per AVC & APHRC recommendations. Red Shores will continue to offer dedicated training hours to currently quarantined horses based on the following:

- All are asymptomatic
- All are meeting daily temperature check requirements
- In the opinion of Kathleen MacMillan, AVC, the risk to other horses using the track are very low
- It is important to note that the Strangles bacteria is passed through direct contact

All horsepeople are reminded to remain vigilant and institute appropriate biosecurity measures, and to monitor their horse's temperatures twice daily. If any issues may arise please consult your veterinarian immediately until further direction.

The health and safety of the animal population remains the priority of all involved, and the Industry will be advised as any circumstances may change.

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