

Memo

Date: **March 11, 2021**

To: Red Shores Tenants

RE: Strangles Screening Update

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On Thursday, March 11th the Advisory Committee, comprised of representatives from the Atlantic Veterinary College, Atlantic Provinces Harness Racing Commission, Charlottetown Veterinary Clinic, PEI Harness Racing Industry Association, PEI Standardbred Horse Owners, Prince County Horsemen's Club, Red Shores, and the Province, reviewed current test results and the steps required to resume live racing on May 1, 2021.

In light of a number of significantly improved PCR test results received this week from horses on site at Red Shores Charlottetown, the timelines and next steps have been revised based upon veterinary advice.

The 46 horses on site, which initially had PCR results between 35-40 or below, will now be tested with a culture test. **Testing will start immediately.** In order to be cleared to return to the general horse population **two** negative culture tests will be required with a minimum seven (7) days apart. Horses with no clinical signs consistent with strangles but had a PCR result <35 will be treated as a high risk of being contagious and will need to be maintain in red zones and will require a PCR >35 result, before the culture protocol can be applied to them.

These tests will be covered by the PEI Harness Racing Industry Association, Atlantic Provinces Harness Commission and Red Shores. The results will be back within three (3) days from the Atlantic Veterinary College.

For horses currently off site that have an assigned stall at Red Shores Charlottetown will require two negative culture test results at least 7 days apart, are required before permission will be given to return to a stall. This cost will be covered by Red Shores.

Healthy horses whose PCR was negative does not need to be retested but should be closely monitored for nasal discharge, fever and swollen lymph nodes and retested if those signs occur.

The Ship In Barn will be cleaned and disinfected before horses will be permitted access. The goal is to make the Ship In Barn available for horse owners to ship in to train by **April 1, 2021.**

Details on accessing the ship-in barn and a return to racing document are being developed and will released within the next week.

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