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TO: All Fairground CEOs and Board Chairs

SUBJECT: CDFA Equine Medication and Monitoring Program February 2020  
Advisory Committee Meeting Update

In February the Equine Medication Monitoring Program (EMMP) board held its first meeting of the year and has implemented a few new protocols and requirements for the 2020 show and event season.

### **Biosecurity Measures and Policy for Equine Events**

With increased awareness and movement of equines across state borders, there is the potential for infectious diseases to spread easily. For all events where equines are present (Fair time, Rodeo's, Shows, Emergency Evacuations), it is advised by the Animal Health Branch and the EMMP Advisory Committee that biosecurity measures shall be implemented on all facilities across California. One main element to consider is establishing an isolation area on the fairgrounds. An isolation plan should be implemented for any horse showing clinical signs of an infectious disease.

If an equine is found suspect or positive for a reportable disease as listed on the [California Reportable Disease list](#), please report the case to the CDFA Animal Health Branch at 916-900-5002. It is advised that the DAA board establish a policy on the quarantine of animals found suspect and/or positive.

If horses are boarded at your facility, ensure that upon entry, there is a point of contact to confirm and report any outbreaks or cases, and have a communication plan in place in case of an outbreak. Within the contracts for any event that has horses, there needs to be a clause added for cancellation in the case of a confirmed outbreak or quarantine. For facilities with racehorses, there may be variants in the requirements or rules. For questions on race requirements contact the California Horse Racing Board at 916-263-6000.

For questions regarding biosecurity plans for equine events, contact Dr. Katie Flynn at 916-900-5039, or by email at [Katherine.flynn@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:Katherine.flynn@cdfa.ca.gov).

### **Notes for Fair Managers**

- When contracting for a horse show, ensure that the show manager is having horses testing and that the fairgrounds has an approved quarantine area and policy and plan in place in case of quarantine.



- When contracting for a horse show, ensure that the show manager registers applicable events with the Equine Medication Monitoring Program. Questions and inquiries shall be forwarded to the EMMP at [EMMP@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:EMMP@cdfa.ca.gov).
- Ensure the fairgrounds has an appropriate isolation area, policy for isolation and a quarantine plan in place.
- Fairgrounds should review and comply with recommended Biosecurity measures outlined in the [Biosecurity Toolkit](#).
- If there is a quarantined horse or outbreak in your county, it is advised to consult a local veterinarian to ensure it is safe to host the horse show or event.

### **Show Managers**

- Ensure that your Veterinarian is licensed
- To determine if your event is required to be registered with the Equine Medication Monitoring Program, review the event definition on the [EMMP website](#).
- [Form 76-024A](#) (Application to Register Equine Event) must be filed at least sixty (60) days before the event begins or [register online](#).
- Remittance of the fees collected, the total number of horses entered, and [Form 76-024A](#) must be sent to EMMP within 15 days after the final day of the event.
- For detailed instructions on submission of EMMP forms or remittance of EMMP fees visit the [EMMP Website for Event Managers](#)
- Records, including entry forms, must be retained for two years and be made available upon request by EMMP.
- Event managers shall collect, sign and submit CA [Form 76-027 \(Drug Declaration Form\)](#) to EMMP within 15 days of the event.
- Subscribe to EDCC (Equine Disease Communication Center) to receive disease alerts for the state of California or nationally.
- As of January 1, 2020, the California drug testing fee increased from \$5.00 to \$8.00 per horse entered a competition or consigned to a public sale. For all events held after January 1, 2020, event managers must collect \$8.00 per horse at each event. (CCR 1280.1 (c)(1) and (c)(2); CCR 1280.2)
- CDFA now accepts EECVI (Extended Equine Certificate of Veterinary Inspection) – this allows for interstate transport of horses; other than a change of ownership.
- EMMP developed Biosecurity Toolkit for Show management. This has been updated.

### **Fairgrounds with Racetracks or boarded horses**

- In 2019, there were 22 violations issued by the EMMP for horses competing in a public equine event that violated the EMMP rules, specific detection of a prohibited substance or an overage of permissible substances.
- Disease Information Updates
  - West Nile Virus: In 2019, there were 15 confirmed cases of WNV. 2019 Positive Cases of WNV by county- Fresno (2), Kern (2), Madera (2), Merced,

- Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, Stanislaus (2). Age Ranges were 1-12 years old.
- Equine Infectious Anemia: Madera County had a confirmed case of EIA in January 2020. Equine Herpesvirus Myelencephalopathy: In Santa Barbara County one horse was confirmed positive and euthanized for EHM in January 2020
  - Equine Vesicular Stomatitis: The following states have confirmed cases in 2019. Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Utah, Kansas. CA had movement restrictions for 30 days after the last quarantine release for each state.
- Disposal of carcasses is being evaluated by multiple organizations. No update yet.

### **EMMP Projects**

- A research project has been funded by the EMMP to evaluate the use of CBD use in horses
- New EMMP Projects- studying effects: Bisphosphonates and Dipyrone use in horses and their effects.
- EMMP is seeking people interested in testers in Sacramento and Yolo County
  - Jobs are advertised at Indeed.com, Bay Area Equestrian Network

### **Resources**

[Biosecurity Toolkit for Equine Events](#) – Please share with Board and Show Managers  
[Equine Entry Requirements](#) – Please share with Show Managers.  
[Information for Exhibitors and Consignors](#) – Please share with Show Managers and Exhibitors  
[Information for Event Managers](#) – Please share with Board and Show Managers  
[Drugs and Medication Guidelines](#)- Please share with Board, Show Managers, and Exhibitors

If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email.

Sincerely,



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