



Sun 14/03/2021 12:45

FEI Communications

Notification of required biosecurity measures for horses that participated in the Mediterranean Equestrian Tour in Oliva (ESP)

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For your information, we will be sending out the following communication shortly to impacted athletes registered with your NF.

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As you are probably aware, on Friday 12 March the FEI extended the lockdown of all international events until 11 April 2021 in order to minimise the further spread of the very aggressive strain of the virus.

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Yours sincerely,



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FEI Veterinary Director



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Yours sincerely,



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FEI Veterinary Director



Wed 17/03/2021 08:11

FEI Communications

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FEI Veterinary Director





Fri 05/03/2021 21:08

FEI Communications

Spanish Sunshine Tour cancelled with immediate effect

Dear Athletes,

A second horse at the Spanish Sunshine Tour has been put into isolation today after developing mild neurological signs and a slightly elevated temperature.

As this is the second horse showing neurological signs of EHV-1 in Vejer, even though both horses are in the isolation stables two kilometres from the venue, the FEI has tonight advised the Organisers that the event is cancelled with immediate effect.

As you know, it had been agreed yesterday between MAPA, the Organisers and the FEI that – exceptionally and in order to ensure an orderly and biosecure departure of horses – competition could continue until Sunday 7 March subject to a number of conditions. However, the FEI reserved the right to cancel the full event if the situation changed.

The news of a second horse displaying neurological signs means that there is no choice now but to immediately shut down the competition in Vejer de la Frontera.

The Spanish Veterinary Authorities will be onsite to prepare health certificates for departing horses. Please do not leave the showgrounds without the correct documentation.

If any horses leave the venue without the required health certificate and TRACES, the relevant national veterinary authorities will be informed and there will be sanctions. The FEI will also block all horses that leave without health certificates and sanction the athletes involved.

As we said in our previous communique last night, we need to work together to minimise the spread of the virus and we very much appreciate the cooperation of all athletes and owners with the above conditions.

Kind regards,

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Tue 09/03/2021 19:48

FEI Communications

NF NEWS - Update on EHV-1 (neurological form) in Europe

## FEI NF NEWS

### Update on EHV-1 (neurological form) in Europe

Dear National Federations,

The FEI has today been advised of an equine fatality at the veterinary hospital clinic in Valencia (ESP). Sadly this brings the number of related deaths in this outbreak to 11.

Additionally, the FEI has received notification of a confirmed positive for EHV-1 in a horse in Belgium after its return from the Spanish Sunshine Tour in Vejer de la Frontera (ESP). This horse, which was placed in isolation immediately on return to its home stables in Belgium, was a close in-contact to the first horse that developed a fever on the Vejer de la Frontera venue. This first horse was put into isolation on 26 February, developed neurological signs on 4 March and, although it tested negative to EHV-1, that result was inconclusive. A second horse on the venue developed neurological signs on 5 March and was also transferred to the isolation stables.

As a result of the confirmed positive in Belgium, all horses that have participated in the Spanish Sunshine Tour since 9 February 2021 have been blocked in the FEI Database. All affected athletes will be advised of the necessary measures that must be implemented prior to return to competition.

Kind regards,

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Tue 09/03/2021 20:09

FEI Communications

Notification of required biosecurity measures

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As we have not received the stabling plans from the Organisers in Vejer de la Frontera, and can therefore not establish a list of in-contact horses, it is crucial that you follow the measures below in order to prevent the further transmission of the virus, both to your own horses and the wider European horse population.

These important measures apply whether your horses are still on-venue in Vejer de la Frontera, are in-transit or are already back at your home stables. If your horses are still on the venue at Vejer de la Frontera, please ensure that your horses are isolated and that you implement the below measures.

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Due to the outbreak of the neurological form of EHV-1 in a number of countries in Europe, the FEI cancelled all international events – with the exception of the Jumping Tours – from 1 March 2021 to 28 March 2021 in order to minimise the spread of this virus. With the cancellation of Vejer de la Frontera on Friday and Gorla Minore (ITA) yesterday, the Jumping Tours are all finished, meaning that there are now no international events in mainland Europe until 29 March 2021.

However, as this disease is easily transmitted, contact between horses must be kept to the absolute minimum and we therefore strongly recommend that you should not participate in any training events, breeding activities etc with your horses.

Although this disease can be easily transmitted, it is also simple to prevent transmission with the following biosecurity measures:

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However, as all FEI events are cancelled in Europe until 28 March, this will not impact your return to competition in Europe on 29 March, provided your horse returns a negative PCR test as above. As horses that have been in Vejer de La Frontera must be isolated, this also means that your horses should not compete in any national competitions or training events, or any breeding activities.

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FEI Veterinary Director



Wed 10/03/2021 21:44

FEI Communications

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Dear National Federation,

For your information, we will be sending out the following communication shortly to impacted athletes registered with your NF.

Dear Athlete,

This email is being sent specifically to athletes with horses that have remained at the venue in Vejer de la Frontera since 5 March 2021.

As there are ongoing activities in Vejer de la Frontera such as training sessions, and we cannot safely assume all the biosecurity protocols are being met, your isolation period of 21 days can only officially begin when you leave the venue, and according to the date stipulated on your Health Certificate.

You will need to send a copy of your Health Certificate to [veterinary@fei.org](mailto:veterinary@fei.org) in order to set the start date for the isolation period.

All the necessary biosecurity measures will need to be implemented as stipulated in our previous communication, and as follows:

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Göran Akerström, D.V.M.

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Wed 10/03/2021 21:46

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Fri 12/03/2021 16:59

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For your information, we will be sending out the following communication shortly to impacted athletes registered with your NF.

Dear Athlete,

As a follow-up to our email below, we are pleased to let you know that we have found an arrangement with the Vejer de la Frontera Organiser to provide an alternative option for the horses remaining onsite with regards to the start date (day 0) of their 21-day isolation period.

This arrangement with the OC allows horses remaining in Vejer de la Frontera to begin their 21-day isolation period onsite, with day 0 set at 11 March 2021.

A set of biosecurity requirements have been agreed with the OC (see attached), and athletes will need to sign a **Consent Form** (also attached) to confirm they will adhere to the FEI biosecurity protocols for their horse(s).

If you would like your horse(s) to start the 21-day isolation period onsite in Vejer de la Frontera, please read the attached **Consent Form** and return it fully signed to [veterinary@fei.org](mailto:veterinary@fei.org). The OC in Vejer de la Frontera can provide you with a printed copy so that you can sign and send us a photo of it. Note we have also attached a protocol for cleaning and disinfecting stables.

You are responsible to implement and adhere to the following biosecurity protocols:

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Isolate your horse(s) for at least 21 days. As agreed with the Organiser, horses will be grouped in isolated groups based on how they are normally managed. Each isolated group is a "bubble". Horses from one bubble must not mix with horses in other "bubbles".

**2. Take rectal temperatures**

Rectal temperatures of all of your horses should be taken and recorded twice daily during the isolation period. Horses that develop a fever should be examined by a veterinarian.

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The swab must provide a negative PCR test result to EHV-1. If the test generates a positive result, the horse must remain in isolation for a further 7 days and be re-tested.

**4. Release from Isolation**

Horses must only be released from isolation on the advice of your veterinarian.

**5. Return to Competition**

In accordance with the Veterinary Regulations, Article 1029.7, horses that have participated at Vejer de la Frontera since 9 February 2021 are blocked in the FEI Database and will not be permitted access to any FEI events until they have fulfilled the requirements described above. Test results must be submitted via email to the FEI Veterinary Department on [veterinary@fei.org](mailto:veterinary@fei.org) in order for the restriction to be lifted.

Your horses should not compete in any national competitions or training events, or any breeding activities.

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Ultimately we are all seeking the same outcome, the safety of our horses and an efficient return to play. Thank you for your understanding and your commitment to this important process, and please do not hesitate to contact the [Veterinary Department](#) should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



Göran Akerström, D.V.M.  
FEI Veterinary Director



Fri 12/03/2021 16:59

FEI Communications

Re: Notification of required biosecurity measures for horses remaining in Vejer de la Frontera since 5 March 2021

Dear Athlete,

As a follow-up to our email below, we are pleased to let you know that we have found an arrangement with the Vejer de la Frontera Organiser to provide an alternative option for the horses remaining onsite with regards to the start date (day 0) of their 21-day isolation period.

This arrangement with the OC allows horses remaining in Vejer de la Frontera to begin their 21-day isolation period onsite, with day 0 set at 11 March 2021.

A set of biosecurity requirements have been agreed with the OC (see attached), and athletes will need to sign a **Consent Form** (also attached) to confirm they will adhere to the FEI biosecurity protocols for their horse(s).

If you would like your horse(s) to start the 21-day isolation period onsite in Vejer de la Frontera, please read the attached **Consent Form** and return it fully signed to [veterinary@fei.org](mailto:veterinary@fei.org). The OC in Vejer de la Frontera can provide you with a printed copy so that you can sign and send us a photo of it. Note we have also attached a protocol for cleaning and disinfecting stables.

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Your horses should not compete in any national competitions or training events, or any breeding activities.

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Ultimately we are all seeking the same outcome, the safety of our horses and an efficient return to play. Thank you for your understanding and your commitment to this important process, and please do not hesitate to contact the [Veterinary Department](#) should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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Göran Akerström, D.V.M.  
FEI Veterinary Director



Tue 16/03/2021 07:43

Victoria Rydborn

Notification of required biosecurity measures

Dear athlete,

It seems that perhaps some of you did not receive this communication last week, so I am sending it to you directly for your reference.

It was sent on the 9 March 2021 at 20:00 – thank you for taking note.

The FEI Veterinary Department has some important information for you following your participation at the Spanish Sunshine Tour in Vejer de la Frontera (ESP).

The FEI Veterinary Department has today received notification of a confirmed positive for EHV-1 in a horse in Belgium after returning from the Spanish Sunshine Tour in Vejer de la Frontera. This horse, which was placed in isolation immediately on return to its home stables in Belgium, was a close in-contact to the first horse that developed a fever on the Vejer de la Frontera venue prior to being put into isolation on 26 February. This first horse displayed neurological signs on 4 March and although it tested negative to EHV-1, that result was inconclusive. A second horse on the venue developed neurological signs on 5 March and was transferred to the isolation stables.

As we have not received the stabling plans from the Organisers in Vejer de la Frontera, and can therefore not establish a list of in-contact horses, it is crucial that you follow the measures below in order to prevent the further transmission of the virus, both to your own horses and the wider European horse population.

These important measures apply whether your horses are still on-venue in Vejer de la Frontera, are in-transit or are already back at your home stables. If your horses are still on the venue at Vejer de la Frontera, please ensure that your horses are isolated and that you implement the below measures.

EHV-1 is an air-borne disease that can be transmitted up to five metres via coughing, but also through direct contact, via people and shared equipment. It can cause respiratory and neurological signs, abortion in pregnant mares and death of young foals. Please refer to the FEI's comprehensive hub on [Equine Herpes Virus](#) for more detailed information.

Due to the outbreak of the neurological form of EHV-1 in a number of countries in Europe, the FEI cancelled all international events – with the exception of the Jumping Tours – from 1 March 2021 to 28 March 2021 in order to minimise the spread of this virus. With the cancellation of Vejer de la Frontera on Friday and Gorla Minore (ITA) yesterday, the Jumping Tours are all finished, meaning that there are now no international events in mainland Europe until 29 March 2021.

However, as this disease is easily transmitted, contact between horses must be kept to the absolute minimum and we therefore strongly recommend that you should not participate in any training events, breeding activities etc with your horses.

Although this disease can be easily transmitted, it is also simple to prevent transmission with the following biosecurity measures:

### **1. Isolate your horses for 21 days**

Horses that participated at Vejer de la Frontera must be isolated for at least 21 days from **5 March 2021**.

### **2. Take rectal temperatures**

Rectal temperatures of all of your horses should be taken and recorded twice daily during the isolation period. Horses that develop a fever should be examined by a veterinarian.

### **3. Laboratory testing for EHV-1**

Horses that participated at Vejer de la Frontera since 9 February 2021:

Samples to be taken after day 21 (as per the above) using a nasopharyngeal swab to test for EHV-1 via PCR analysis.

The swab must provide a negative PCR test result to EHV-1. If the test generates a positive result, the horse must remain in isolation for a further 7 days and be re-tested.

Horses outside the Vejer de la Frontera show venue:

Your horse may have come into contact with other horses apart from those at the Vejer de la Frontera show venue e.g. your home stables or during your journey home. We recommend that you consult your usual veterinarian to advise you on biosecurity measures you should implement.

### **4. Release from Isolation**

Horses must only be released from isolation on the advice of your veterinarian.

### **5. Return to Competition**

In accordance with the Veterinary Regulations, Article 1029.7, horses that have participated at Vejer de la Frontera since 9 February 2021 are blocked in the FEI Database and will not be permitted access to any FEI events until they have fulfilled the testing requirements described above. Test results must be submitted via email to the FEI Veterinary Department on [veterinary@fei.org](mailto:veterinary@fei.org) in order for the restriction to be lifted.

However, as all FEI events are cancelled in Europe until 28 March, this will not impact your return to competition in Europe on 29 March, provided your horse returns a negative PCR test as above. As horses that have been in Vejer de La Frontera must be isolated, this also means that your horses should not compete in any national competitions or training events, or any breeding activities.

We are grateful for your assistance in implementing these measures, which contribute significantly to preventing transmission of the disease. It is only by working together that we can keep our community of FEI horses, as well as local horses in your National Federation, healthy and disease free.

Please feel free to contact the Veterinary Department should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



Göran Akerström, D.V.M.  
FEI Veterinary Director



Mon 08/03/2021 19:56

FEI Communications

Notification of required biosecurity measures on return from Doha (QAT)

Dear Athlete,

The FEI Veterinary Department has some important information for you following your participation at Al Shaqab in Doha (QAT).

As you are aware, strict biosecurity measures were implemented for the four horses that travelled from Valencia to Doha, and to date, all competing horses in Doha have tested negative for EHV-1. Of the four horses, one of the two German horses that was in isolation tested positive to EHV-1 and tests on the second horse were inconclusive. Although both horses were transferred to the isolation unit of the neighbouring veterinary clinic, and the two Colombian horses remained in isolation on the venue, we would like to reiterate the importance of biosecurity protocols for your returning horses.

EHV-1 is an air-borne disease that can be transmitted up to five metres via coughing, but also through direct contact, via people and shared equipment. It can cause respiratory and neurological signs, abortion in pregnant mares and death of young foals. Please refer to the FEI's comprehensive [Equine Herpes Virus](#) hub for more detailed information and best practices.

It is important to note, there is no mandatory requirement for horses returning from Doha to be put in quarantine, however, we strongly recommend that they are kept separated from other horses in their home stables and carefully monitored for the next three weeks, including twice-daily temperature checks. Contact between horses must be kept to the absolute minimum and we also highly recommend that you do not participate in any training events, breeding activities etc with your horses.

Here are some simple biosecurity measures:

**1. Isolate your horses**

Horses that participated at Doha, as well as any others that have been in contact with these horses, should be isolated.

**2. Take rectal temperatures**

Rectal temperatures of all of your horses should be taken and recorded twice daily. Horses that develop a fever should be examined by a veterinarian.

**3. Release from isolation**

Horses must only be released from isolation on the advice of your veterinarian.

Prevention is key when it comes to minimising the transmission of diseases, and these measures provide an added level of protection to the horse population. We are grateful for your assistance in implementing these protocols, which contribute significantly to preventing transmission of the disease. It is only by working together that we can keep our community of FEI horses, as well as local horses in your country, healthy and disease free.

Please feel free to contact the [Veterinary Department](#) should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Göran Akerström, D.V.M.  
FEI Veterinary Director



Wed 10/03/2021 14:51

FEI Communications

Update / Notification of required biosecurity measures on return from Doha (QAT)

Dear Athlete,

As a follow up to our message below, and as you have already been made aware by the Doha Organisers, a sample taken from a horse on return to its home stables after Doha, has come back positive. The horse is not displaying any clinical signs and we understand that a re-test is being done.

As a precaution, we are blocking all horses that were in Doha with immediate effect while we are gathering additional information. Once we have all the facts, we will confirm the duration and necessary measures.

In the meantime, and as mentioned in our original email, please implement the biosecurity protocols listed below or equivalent as requested by your National Federation for horses returning from Doha and any other horses that may have been in contact with them.

We thank you for your understanding and will come back to you shortly with more details.

Kind regards,

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**From:** FEI Communications

**Sent:** Monday, 8 March 2021 19:55

**To:** FEI Communications <[communications@fei.org](mailto:communications@fei.org)>

**Subject:** Notification of required biosecurity measures on return from Doha (QAT)

Dear Athlete,

The FEI Veterinary Department has some important information for you following your participation at Al Shaqab in Doha (QAT).

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It is important to note, there is no mandatory requirement for horses returning from Doha to be put in quarantine, however, we strongly recommend that they are kept separated from other horses in their home stables and carefully monitored for the next three weeks, including twice-daily temperature checks. Contact between horses must be kept to the absolute minimum and

we also highly recommend that you do not participate in any training events, breeding activities etc with your horses.

Here are some simple biosecurity measures:

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Horses that participated at Doha, as well as any others that have been in contact with these horses, should be isolated.

**2. Take rectal temperatures**

Rectal temperatures of all of your horses should be taken and recorded twice daily. Horses that develop a fever should be examined by a veterinarian.

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Horses must only be released from isolation on the advice of your veterinarian.

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Please feel free to contact the [Veterinary Department](#) should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



Göran Akerström, D.V.M.  
FEI Veterinary Director



Fri 12/03/2021 16:58

FEI Communications

Re: Update / Notification of required biosecurity measures on return from Doha (QAT)

Dear National Federation,

For your information, we will be sending out the following communication shortly to impacted athletes registered with your NF.

Dear Athlete,

Following our email on Wednesday, we would like to inform you that the results of the first sample was confirmed as positive for EHV-1 and that the second test on the horse was confirmed as negative. This means that the risk for the horse being contagious on the flight remains. Therefore, all horses that attended Doha will be required to implement the 21-day isolation period and biosecurity protocols as stipulated below.

You are responsible to implement and adhere to the biosecurity protocols as stipulated by the FEI, (more stringent biosecurity protocols, such as the one issued by the British Equestrian Federation will also be accepted by the FEI for return to competition), namely:

#### **4. Isolate your horses for 21 days**

Horses that participated at Doha must be isolated for at least 21 days from **8 March 2021**.

#### **5. Take rectal temperatures**

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#### **6. Laboratory testing for EHV-1**

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Horses outside the Doha show venue:

Your horse may have come into contact with other horses apart from those at the Doha show venue e.g. your home stables or during your journey home. We recommend that you consult your usual veterinarian to advise you on biosecurity measures you should implement.

#### **7. Release from Isolation**

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#### **8. Return to Competition**

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As horses that have been in Doha must be isolated, this also means that your horses should not participate in any national competitions or training events, or any breeding activities.

Moments ago, we also informed the community that we have taken the difficult but very necessary decision to extend the cancellation of all international events in mainland Europe for an additional two weeks, up until 11 April 2021. The move, which aims to minimise the further spread of the very aggressive strain of the virus, was unanimously approved at an emergency FEI Executive Board meeting today. The extended lockdown applies to all FEI disciplines. We have also recommended all our National Federations in mainland Europe cancel all national events so that we can be ready for a safe return to competition as of 12 April. As you can imagine, this is not a decision we have taken lightly, but our priority remains the safety of the horse population. You will find more on this particular announcement in the [Updates](#) of our dedicated EHV-1 Hub. We also have a dedicated [Q&A](#) section, and a [Timeline](#) retracing the daily developments in this outbreak.

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Fri 12/03/2021 16:58

FEI Communications

Update / Notification of required biosecurity measures on return from Doha (QAT)

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### **10. Take rectal temperatures**

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### **11. Laboratory testing for EHV-1**

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The swab must provide a negative PCR test result to EHV-1. If the test generates a positive result, the horse must remain in isolation for a further 7 days and be re-tested.

#### Horses outside the Doha show venue:

Your horse may have come into contact with other horses apart from those at the Doha show venue e.g. your home stables or during your journey home. We recommend that you consult your usual veterinarian to advise you on biosecurity measures you should implement.

### **12. Release from Isolation**

Horses must only be released from isolation on the advice of your veterinarian.

### **13. Return to Competition**

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Please feel free to contact the [Veterinary Department](#) should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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22 February 2021

Dear Athlete,

**Re: Notification of EHV-1 outbreak in Valencia, required biosecurity measures and your eligibility to compete in FEI Events**

The FEI Veterinary Department has just been advised of an outbreak of Equine Herpes Virus (EHV-1 - neurological form) at the CES Valencia Spring Tour (ESP) and the following is important information for you following your participation at these shows.

We have been informed that some horses that participated at the event and left the venue on 14 February have since tested positive for EHV-1. As of 21 February 2021, 50 horses at the venue have developed a fever, which is a classic sign of the disease, and one horse has clinical signs of the neurological form of the virus. The on-venue horses are currently in isolation, and those that have already left the venue are under investigation and will be tested.

The number of horses affected indicates a major outbreak and it is important that you take appropriate measures to protect your own and other horses.

EHV-1 is an air-borne disease that can be transmitted up to five metres via coughing, but also through direct contact, via people and shared equipment. It can cause respiratory and neurological signs, abortion in pregnant mares and death of young foals. Please refer to the FEI's [Equine Herpes Virus factsheet](#) for more detailed information.

It is likely that the disease has been transferred to horses that have attended the venue since at least **1 February 2021**. In the interests of equine welfare, there are biosecurity measures you must implement for your horses that participated in the event and their in-contact horses at your home stable. These measures are to prevent the virus being transmitted at future events you attend.

Any horse travelling with a fever is not only a potential carrier and therefore likely to spread the virus to all other horses in the transport, but is at increased risk of developing shipping fever or the more serious neurological form of EHV. It is also a violation of EU transport legislation to travel with a sick horse, except for transport to veterinary facilities. Only symptom-free horses should travel and horses leaving Valencia must have their temperature taken prior to travel.

The following precautions must be implemented:

**1. Isolate your horses**

Horses that participated at Valencia as well as any others that have been in-contact with these horses must be isolated.

## **2. Take rectal temperatures**

Rectal temperatures of all of your horses should be taken and recorded twice daily. Horses that develop a fever should be examined by a veterinarian.

## **3. Laboratory testing for EHV-1**

Horses that participated at Valencia:

*Either*

Two samples taken using nasopharyngeal swabs must be analysed by PCR testing on day 7 and day 14. Day 0 is considered to be the day your horses left the venue at Valencia.

Both swabs must result in negative test results to EHV-1 in order to satisfy the requirements of the FEI Veterinary Department.

If either of the tests generate a positive result, the horse must remain in isolation and be re-tested. It is necessary to have two negative test results, taken at least seven days apart to fulfil the FEI Veterinary Department requirements.

*or*

The horse must be isolated for 21 days, rectal temperature must be taken and recorded during the isolation period and samples to be taken after day 21 using a nasopharyngeal swab to test for EHV-1 via PCR analysis. Day 0 is considered to be the day your horses left the venue at Valencia.

The swab must result in negative PCR test result to EHV-1. If the tests generates a positive result, the horse must remain in isolation for a further seven days and be re-tested.

Horses outside the Valencia show venue:

Your horse may have come into contact with other horses apart from those at the Valencia show venue, e.g. at your home stables or during your journey home. We recommend that you consult your usual veterinarian to advise you on biosecurity measures you should implement.

## **4. Release from Isolation**

Horses must only be released from isolation on the advice of your veterinarian.

## **5. Return to Competition**

In accordance with the FEI Veterinary Regulations, Article 1029.7, horses that have attended Valencia since **1 February 2021** are blocked in the FEI Database and will not be permitted to enter any FEI Events until they have fulfilled the testing requirements described above. Test results must be submitted via email

to the FEI Veterinary Department on [veterinary@fei.org](mailto:veterinary@fei.org) in order for the block in the FEI Database to be lifted.

We have informed the Organisers of the other Tours on the Iberian Peninsula of the situation and instructed them that they must not accept any horses that have been competing at Valencia.

We are grateful for your assistance in implementing these measures, which contribute significantly to preventing transmission of the disease. It is only by working together that we can keep our community of FEI horses, as well as local horses in your National Federation, healthy and disease free.

Please note that the FEI will not be responsible for any costs associated to the above requirements.

Please feel free to contact the Veterinary Department should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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Göran Akerström, D.V.M.

FEI Veterinary Director



Mon 22/02/2021 13:00

FEI Communications

NF NEWS - Equine Herpes Virus (EHV-1 – neurological form) – Valencia (ESP)

## FEI NF NEWS

### Equine Herpes Virus (EHV-1 – neurological form) – Valencia (ESP)

Dear National Federations,

The FEI Veterinary Department has been advised of an outbreak of Equine Herpes Virus (EHV-1) at the CES Valencia Spring Tour (ESP). It is likely that the disease has been transferred to horses that have attended the venue since at least **1 February 2021**.

In accordance with the FEI Veterinary Regulations, Article 1029.7, horses that have attended Valencia since 1 February 2021 are blocked in the FEI Database and will not be permitted to enter any FEI Events until they have fulfilled the testing requirements detailed in the attached letter.

Any horse travelling with a fever is not only a potential carrier and therefore likely to spread the virus to all other horses in the transport, but is at extreme risk of developing shipping fever or the more serious neurological form of EHV. It is also a violation of EU transport legislation to travel with a sick horse, except for transport to veterinary facilities. Only symptom-free horses should travel and horses leaving Valencia must have their temperature taken prior to travel.

We have informed the Organisers of the other Tours on the Iberian Peninsula of the situation and instructed them that they must not accept any horses that have been competing at Valencia.

Competition in Valencia will only resume once the venue has been declared clear of EHV.

All NFs with athletes and horses that have participated at Valencia since 1 February 2021 will shortly receive a separate communique outlining the measures that have already been taken and the measures that they personally need to take to help prevent the further spread of this virus.

An EHV factsheet is attached.

Kind regards,

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NF NEWS - Update on Equine Herpes Virus (EHV-1 – neurological form) – Valencia (ESP)

## FEI NF NEWS

### **Update on Equine Herpes Virus (EHV-1 – neurological form) – Valencia (ESP)**

Dear National Federations,

As an update to the communique we sent on Monday about the Equine Herpes Virus outbreak (EHV-1 – neurological form) in Valencia (ESP), the FEI Veterinary Department is working with all parties involved to provide support to those impacted and to minimise the spread of the virus.

We have been advised that there are currently over 150 horses still on the venue. A total of 72 horses are showing clinical signs of EHV-1. Of the 47 horses that have been tested, 17 are now confirmed as having the virus.

Of that number, we are informed that three horses have been transferred to the veterinary hospital with neurological symptoms, but one of these is said to be recovering well and is expected to return to the venue shortly. We are receiving information that there may be additional numbers of horses displaying neurological signs, but do not have any confirmation of that at this point.

In addition, there are four confirmed cases of horses that left the venue on 14 February and became sick shortly after returning to their home country, plus two possible further outbreaks in a third country that can be traced back to Valencia.

The FEI is liaising directly with the Spanish National Federation, which is working closely with the competent veterinary authority in the Valencia region, Sanidad e Higiene Animal y Trazabilidad. This authority has sealed off the Valencia venue and declared it an isolation unit.

In order to help alleviate the very difficult situation for athletes, owners and grooms with horses still on the venue in Valencia, the FEI has requested – and received – agreement from the regional veterinary authorities to allow five additional veterinarians onsite to treat the affected horses. The FEI is currently organising to get these five veterinarians onsite, as well as additional medical supplies that will be delivered to the venue.

We have also requested a detailed plan from the regional veterinary authorities on the treatment of sick horses, management of the outbreak, and the plan for getting healthy horses off the venue. We have just received the protocol this afternoon and we are following up directly with them on this.

As we advised you previously, in accordance with the FEI Veterinary Regulations, Article 1029.7, a total of 752 horses that have attended Valencia since 1 February 2021 have been blocked in the FEI Database and are not permitted to enter any FEI Events until they have fulfilled the necessary testing requirements.

In addition, as we informed you at the beginning of the week, we have directly contacted the National Federations with athletes and horses that have participated at Valencia since 1 February 2021, and will be updating those with horse onsite today. We have also instructed the Organisers of the other Tours on the Iberian Peninsula that they must not accept any horses that have been competing in Valencia.

In order to keep the community informed, we will send further updates as soon as any new information is available.

Kind regards,

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Update on Equine Herpes Virus (EHV-1 – neurological form) – Valencia (ESP)

Dear Athlete,

We understand that the outbreak of Equine Herpes Virus (EHV-1 – neurological form) in Valencia is extremely concerning for you, and that the situation is particularly distressing for athletes, owners and grooms who still have horses onsite at the venue in Valencia.

In order to help those of you with horses still in Valencia, the FEI Veterinary Department has requested – and today received – agreement from the regional veterinary authorities to allow five additional veterinarians onsite to treat the affected horses. The FEI is currently organising to get these five veterinarians onsite, as well as additional medical supplies that will be delivered to the venue.

The FEI Veterinary Department is working with all parties involved to provide support to those of you who are impacted and to minimise the spread of the virus.

From a numbers perspective, we have been advised that there are currently over 150 horses still on the venue. A total of 72 horses are showing clinical signs of EHV-1. Of the 47 horses that have been tested, 17 are now confirmed as having the virus.

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We have requested a detailed plan from the regional veterinary authorities on the treatment of sick horses, management of the outbreak, and the plan for getting healthy horses off the venue. We have just received the protocol this afternoon and have requested that this be shared with you immediately.

We will continue to work tirelessly to ensure that you are provided with the assistance that you need at this very worrying time.

Kind regards

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Veterinary Director

The FEI Veterinary Department