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Dear Greg, Alan and Darrell,

Santa Anita Park will be issuing a condition book on Thursday, April 30, targeting May 15 for the resumption of live racing under strict protocols, including the exclusion of spectators. This coincides with the expiration of LA County's current Safer-At-Home order and following California Governor Gavin Newsom's comments on Tuesday that the state could begin to relax the current COVID-19 restrictions in the next few weeks.

As businesses throughout the state are preparing to gradually reopen, horse racing is unique as we cannot literally open the doors the moment orders are relaxed. Horsemen need time to plan, which is why the tentative date is being put forth. It would be derelict of us to not give you as much notice as possible, with your understanding it is still a contingency plan. Additionally, the plan presented to County officials is logistically complex and it will take Santa Anita up to two weeks to resume operations with the guidelines in place.

To be clear, this resumption would be subject to the stringent restrictions which were included in the plan and protocols currently under consideration by Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, and the Los Angeles County Health Department

officials. It is contingent upon the county's current Stay-At-Home order expiring on May 15 and the county meeting their metrics.

We have presented a plan to race that assures health and safety. The schedule is predicated on conditions continuing to improve in Southern California. The plan put in place to operate Santa Anita during this crisis will create a Shelter in Place environment while safeguarding both the horses and the people who care for them. There will be no additional risk to the 750 people who currently live onsite or to the community at large.

As Santa Anita prepares to reopen, there will be continued consultation with Health Department officials and Santa Anita's own independent health experts to safeguard employees and participants.

Thank you and your constituents for your continued support of California racing and we look forward to welcoming your horses back to the Santa Anita starting gate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A Butler', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Aidan Butler
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