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Dear Supervisor Barger, Dr. Ferrer and Ms. Hamai,

We appreciate and respect that you have an incredible responsibility to safeguard all citizens of Los Angeles County during this unprecedented public health crisis. We also greatly appreciate your willingness to review our proposal for safe live racing to resume at Santa Anita Park within a self-contained community.

On March 12th, we voluntarily closed Santa Anita Park to the public, a full week prior to the issuance of the Los Angeles County mandate against public gatherings, and have since been operating under stringent measures to maintain social distancing and limit exposure to COVID-19 while continuing to protect the welfare of our personnel and the horses we love. In addition to the numerous and extensive protocols that we have already put in place and in direct response to your concerns related to the movement of the jockeys involved in training and racing at Santa Anita Park, **we have added a protocol requiring all jockeys involved in training or racing to relocate to onsite housing and live within this self-contained community.** This relocation protocol will go one step further by adding a requirement for an independent, third-party Los Angeles County Health Officer to provide supervision and monitoring, paid for by Santa Anita Park.

We invite you to review the attached document that outlines our extensive operating protocols and details procedures for the resumption of safe live racing in compliance with the Los Angeles County's public gatherings order. This document has been created in collaboration with infectious disease expert, current member of Stanford University's COVID-19 task force and Medical Director at Golden Gate Fields, Dr. David Seftel, MD, MBA. We are confident that our measures address our ability to maintain all social distancing requirements to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 while maintaining the highest possible level of human and horse safety.

The following represent key considerations and rationale to support our request for the resumption of safe live racing:

1. **SANTA ANITA PARK WILL REMAIN CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:** Santa Anita Park will continue to be closed to the public and will operate in compliance with all public gathering mandates.
2. **SANTA ANITA PARK IS A SELF-CONTAINED COMMUNITY:** In addition to the essential personnel who are already living onsite, we will relocate jockeys, starting gate crew and racing officials, to onsite housing. All of whom will be required to adhere to all health and safety measures. Our residential community is secure, tightly controlled and under the supervision of California State Inspectors in Arcadia.
3. **SAFE LIVE RACING CAN SAFEGUARD AGAINST A HUMANITARIAN AND HORSE WELFARE CRISIS:** The continued suspension of safe live racing will soon create an unintended crisis for the horses and those who care for them. Safe live racing, even without customers at our venue during this time, and the income that comes from live racing, is an essential part of the ecosystem of horseracing. Without live racing, there is no income stream for trainers, backstretch employees and jockeys or the necessary financial resources required to look after the horses in their care. Los Angeles is already facing a housing shortage as homelessness surges due to COVID-19. The consequences of a continued suspension of live racing may lead some of our nearly 750 backstretch personnel to leave their home at Santa Anita Park, not because they want to, but because they have no other choice in order to make a living. To add, finding alternative adequate care and shelter for horses will be a monumental challenge.
4. **SAFE LIVE RACING PROVIDES HEALTHCARE AND SUPPORT SERVICES:** The live racing element of the ecosystem enables the California Thoroughbred Horsemen's Foundation to offer critical, no-cost, onsite health care and other support services to our backstretch personnel, the vast majority of whom are uninsured. If live racing continues to be suspended, free healthcare services will end due to lack of funding leaving a serious and potentially life altering void during a health pandemic.
5. **RACING AND TRAINING PERSONNEL ARE ONE IN THE SAME:** The majority of essential personnel who work in the morning for training and who are responsible for daily care are also those who work in the afternoon to conduct live racing. A fact that demonstrates that we have the ability to operate safe live racing without the volume of additional personnel.
6. **SANTA ANITA PARK OPERATES OVER 320 ACRES:** Santa Anita Park is a large, open space uniquely positioned to operate over vast acreage enabling us to adhere social distancing requirements. Over our 320 acres and more than one million square feet of grandstand space, we have been able to make critical adjustments that provide our essential personnel with the personal space they need to stay safe and the horses we love with the space for the exercise and care they require and deserve. Unlike the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Gardens, which remains open across the street, our community has effectively been sheltered-in-place by design and is able to provide the required physical distancing space.
7. **SANTA ANITA PARK'S PROTOCOLS ARE INDUSTRY LEADING:** It is important to note that Los Alamitos Race Association, located in Orange County, was given permission by that County to continue racing without spectators. That permission was granted thanks to the implementation of the precautions created and instituted by Santa Anita Park. The protocols presented and adopted by Los Alamitos were developed by and directly lifted from the Santa Anita Park protocols.

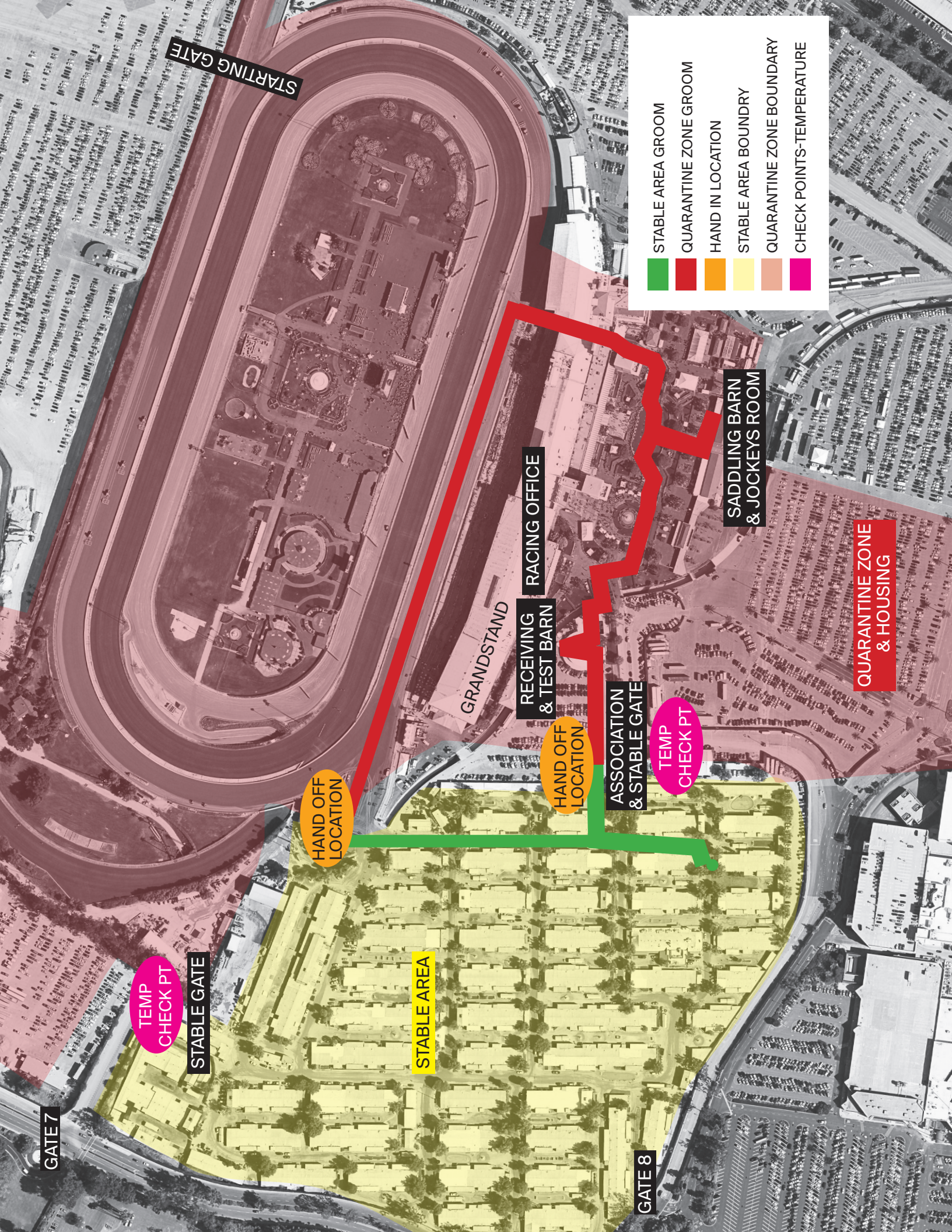
To be clear, Santa Anita Park understand and will always strive for compliance with government orders. We will continue to do everything within our power to protect the health and safety of our essential personnel and the horses they care for. We have the ability to limit exposure per health and governmental recommendations, while continuing to support an industry that impacts hundreds of thousands of people, their livelihoods, and the horses we all love. We are asking for the ability to continue to care for our people and horses during this public health crisis, without negatively impacting the surrounding community.

Thank you for your incredible service to Los Angeles County and for your thoughtful review of our request to resume safe live racing. I look forward to discussing matters with you further. Please contact me anytime on my mobile at 212-444-2987 or by email at Aidan.Butler@stronachgroup.com.

Sincerely,

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

Aidan Butler
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The Stronach Group



STARTING GATE

- STABLE AREA GROOM
- QUARANTINE ZONE GROOM
- HAND IN LOCATION
- STABLE AREA BOUNDARY
- QUARANTINE ZONE BOUNDARY
- CHECK POINTS-TEMPERATURE

GRANDSTAND

RECEIVING RACING OFFICE

SADDLING BARN & JOCKEYS ROOM

QUARANTINE ZONE & HOUSING

ASSOCIATION & STABLE GATE

TEMP CHECK PT

HAND OFF LOCATION

HAND OFF LOCATION

STABLE GATE

TEMP CHECK PT

STABLE AREA

GATE 7

GATE 8



Santa Anita Park COVID-19 Protocols

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At Santa Anita Park, the health, safety and welfare of every person and every horse in our community is our top priority.

We strive to be in compliance with all government and local health orders regarding social distancing and are following all recommended CDC precautions and safeguards to ensure the health and safety of the limited number of essential racing personnel required to operate racing without fans.

The horse racing industry is unique in several respects and now, perhaps more than ever in these difficult times, we must be mindful of our responsibility to prioritize the safety and well-being of the horses and those who care for them.

We can limit exposure per health and governmental regulations while continuing to support our industry.

The following protocols are in force at Santa Anita Park.

Controlled Access Areas and Documentation for Racing:

Restricted Facility Access

- 1) Quarantine Zone (for all Essential Personnel outside of the stable gate):
 - **Any personnel who could come in close contact with another person will be housed on the grounds in a Quarantine Zone. This will include Jockeys, Assistant Starters and Essential Grooms**
 - Individual, temporary housing located in the South Parking Lot, secured with fencing and security
 - Personnel will be logged in and out of housing enclosure and temperatures will be monitored upon entrance and egress

- 2) Racing Office:
 - Jockey agents are not permitted onsite at any time
 - Entries for all races will be taken by telephone only
 - Post-position draws will be conducted via teleconference only
 - All racing officials in the racing office must wear masks
 - Racing office officials must adhere to social distancing requirements by providing each individual with the required six feet of space
 - Official chart caller will be permitted to use their designated office space only

3) Grandstand/Walking Ring/Winners Circle/Press Box:

- Grandstand has been closed to the public since March 12
- Non-essential personnel will not be permitted to enter the facility
 - Non-essential personnel include all public service employees (e.g., food service, wagering tellers, ushers, admission staff, etc.)
 - To limit outside exposure, no owners, media or fans will be allowed at the track at any time
 - No guests, no exceptions
- Security will be present at Grandstand entrances to sign in and grant access to essential personnel only
- Hand sanitization available at all Grandstand entrances
- All public areas of the Grandstand closed for morning workouts and no private clockers are allowed on site
- The following spaces have been closed and will not be in use for any purpose:
 - Walking Ring
 - Winners Circle; includes temporary suspension of all Winners Circle ceremonies and photo opportunities
 - Press Box

4) Receiving Barn:

- **Horses will be handed off to Grooms / Attendants at the stable entrance at the Hand In location prior to the horse entering the Quarantine Zone**
 - All grooms will have their temperatures taken prior to entering the Hand In location
 - Horse will be received by a Groom who has been housed in the Quarantine Zone
 - All equipment accompanying the horse must be able to be disinfected prior to entering the Saddling Paddock
 - All grooms / attendants will be wearing gloves and bridles will be wiped down at points at points of hand contact

5) Saddling Barn:

- **Only those essential personnel licensed by the California Horse Racing Board who have horses entered on race day will be permitted on the track in the afternoon**
 - Essential personnel include racing officials, safety staff, ambulance drivers, track maintenance crew and specialized janitorial staff
- No congregating in the saddling barn
- All horses will be saddled in the saddling barn and will be walked out of the saddling barn onto the walking ring to meet their jockeys
- Horses will be saddled in two groups keeping a minimum of ten feet of space between them - meaning that every other stall in the saddling area will be empty
- Jockeys will mount their horses outside of the saddling barn in the walking ring and will proceed directly to the racetrack for the post parade and warm up
- **Saddling barn will be disinfected with a bleach solution between each race**

6) Jockeys' Room and Jockeys' Room Protocols:

- **All jockeys will have their temperatures tested daily prior to entry**
 - Any jockey showing signs of illness will be denied access to the premises
- Only jockeys scheduled to ride in races will be permitted entry to the Jockeys' Room
- The jockeys' quarters are off limits to all except for the jockeys
 - Additional jockeys' quarters have been added to allow for proper social distancing reflecting the required minimum of six feet
 - Jockeys will maintain their own riding equipment
 - Sauna in the jockeys' quarters is closed
- All jockeys will be required to wear gloves; including during races
- Jockeys who choose to leave the state to ride at other racetracks will not be permitted to ride at Santa Anita Park - no exceptions

Additional Protocols During Live Racing

1) Essential Grooms:

- All grooms will be required to wear protective eyewear, masks and gloves when escorting horses to the racetrack

2) Essential On-Track Personnel:

- All pony riders on the track will be required to wear masks and gloves
- All gate personnel will be required to wear masks and gloves
- All starting gates will be disinfected between races
- All gate crew will be required to wear protective eyewear, masks and gloves and will have no physical contact between them

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

1) The following PPE is being installed and utilized at Santa Anita Park:

- Masks must be worn by all personnel onsite
- Protective eyewear and gloves for essential employees
- Temperature Monitoring Stations at all check points
 - Provides a fast assessment without personal contact
 - Thermal temperature stations will be set up at backstretch security entrance points, Grandstand entrance points and Jockeys' quarters

Controlled Access Areas and Documentation for Training:

Restricted Facility Access

1) Backstretch and Stable Areas:

A) Access:

- **Symons Ambulance will be present at the stable gate entrance each morning and will administer temperature testing for all personnel prior to entry**
- Masks must be worn by all personnel onsite, including the stable area and racetrack during morning training
- Only trainers with horses presently stabled at Santa Anita Park and essential personnel licensed by the state who are responsible for the care of the horses (veterinarians, grooms, exercise riders, farriers, etc.) will be permitted access to the backstretch and stable areas
- **Only horses racing and shipping from in-state training centers and who are accompanied by essential, licensed personnel will be allowed on to enter the stable gate**
 - Horse transportation into the stable area is permitted only from 5:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. daily
 - Only in-state horse transportation drivers are permitted to enter the facility
 - All drivers will be required to have their temperatures taken prior to entry
 - Additional transportation personnel will not be permitted to enter
 - No out-of-state horses or their accompanying personnel are permitted to enter the facility
- A stable area curfew is in force between 9:00 p.m. and 5:30 a.m.
 - No entries into the backstretch will be permitted between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. unless it is an emergency
 - Veterinarians attending to emergencies are required to go through all applicable security protocols prior to entry
- No jockeys will be permitted on the backstretch
- Security personnel will retain a log of all personnel who enter and exit the backstretch - recording name, date and time of entry and exit
- All security personnel will be required to wear masks and gloves
- Security vehicles will be limited to two security personnel per vehicle
- All essential employees will be educated on the proper removal of masks and gloves and will receive regular protocol updates

B) Track Kitchen:

- The track kitchen will remain open for take-out service for essential personnel only
- Six-foot social distancing spacing lines have been set up in the track kitchen
- Dedicated security for the track kitchen will be present to ensure that essential personnel respect required social distancing protocols

C) Veterinarians & Trainers – Stable Protocols (complete veterinary protocol attached as Appendix 1):

- Santa Anita Park employed veterinarians will be required to wear masks and gloves for all horse inspections
- Each barn will be required to designate one point of contact to interact with their veterinarian
- Veterinarians will be required to follow strict handwashing and hand sanitization protocols between barns and examinations
- Trainers will be limited to essential personnel only in their designated barns
- Only one person will be permitted in the tack rooms and/or offices at any given time
 - Tack rooms and offices will be sanitized after individual use
- Tack and barn equipment will be assigned to specific personnel only
- All tack and barn equipment will be sanitized daily
 - Tack and barn equipment will not be stored with other equipment until it has been cleaned and sanitized

D) Other:

- Portable water stations have been installed throughout the facility and will be sanitized regularly
- Disposable and portable hand sanitizers have been installed throughout the property and will be sanitized regularly
- All SAP facilities will be subject to enhanced cleaning and sanitization protocols



Santa Anita Park Standard Operating Procedures for Human Infectious Disease Control

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TITLE: Standard Operating Procedures for Human Infectious Disease Control

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1. PURPOSE

The Stronach Group (“TSG”) Veterinary Team’s role as Association Veterinarians is to promote horse safety and welfare. This includes protecting the people who care for horses during outbreaks of human infectious diseases.

2. SCOPE

This document covers the best practices and guidelines for minimizing the spread of human infectious disease at TSG tracks during:

1. Examination of horses for training
2. Observation of racing and training, including responding to incidents on the track
3. Furosemide administration
4. Any other interaction with TSG staff, trainers or trainers’ staff

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Association Veterinarians are responsible for the following:

1. Minimizing the risk of spread of human infectious diseases in the case of widespread viral outbreaks or pandemics

4. PROCEDURES

1. At all times, the Association Veterinarians should follow current recommended guidelines from the CDC.
2. During visits to the backside, including examinations of working horses, Association Veterinarians should observe the following:
 - a. Wear a face mask and gloves – please note, these should be changed daily and conserved

- b. Maintain a 6-foot distance from trainers and staff whenever possible
 - c. Do not shake hands or come into other physical contact with trainers or staff
 - d. Do not share pens or equipment
 - e. Wash hands or use hand sanitizer between each barn at a minimum
3. During observation of training or racing, Association Veterinarians should observe the following:
- a. Maintain a 6-foot distance from staff and horsemen
 - b. Cover mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing
 - c. Do not shake hands or come into other physical contact with staff or horsemen
 - d. Do not share pens or equipment
 - e. Wash hands or use hand sanitizer between each barn at a minimum
4. When providing furosemide administration, Association Veterinarians should observe the following:
- a. Maintain a 6-foot distance from staff and horsemen
 - b. Ask the individual holding the horse to stay on the other side of the horse while furosemide is administered, if possible
 - c. Do not shake hands or come into other physical contact with staff or horsemen
 - d. Do not share pens or equipment – the requirement for signatures from horsemen is suspended. Please write the name of the horsemen’s representative on all necessary documentation
 - e. Wash hands or use hand sanitizer between each barn at a minimum
5. If responding to an incident on the track, Association Veterinarians should observe the following:
- a. Wear a mask and gloves
 - b. Put the care of the horse first, but try to maintain distance from others attending to the scene when possible
 - c. Limit the number of people on the scene to required individuals only
 - i. The use of screens is suspended
 - ii. For most emergencies, the horse ambulance driver, the employee holding the horse and the veterinarian should be sufficient. The veterinarian on the scene can request additional assistance as needed through the outriders
 - d. Only one person should ride in the ambulance with the horse – no grooms or trainers should be in the horse ambulance at any time.
 - e. Wash hands or use hand sanitizer following the incident and interaction with others
6. When interacting with other veterinarians or other TSG staff, Association Veterinarians should observe the following:
- a. Maintain a 6-foot distance whenever possible
 - b. Wear a mask and gloves
 - c. Do not shake hands or come into other physical contact

- d. Cover mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing
 - e. Do not share supplies unless necessary and sanitize shared equipment such as radios
 - f. Wash hands or use hand sanitizer frequently
7. If an Association Veterinarian feels sick or is displaying symptoms consistent with the current infectious disease, the Association Veterinarian will:
- a. Notify the Chief Veterinary Officer. The CVO will communicate with the appropriate individuals at each track and TSG corporate.
 - b. Notify fellow Association Veterinarians
 - c. Stay home during duration of symptoms or as mandated by local health authorities and track policy
8. If an Association Veterinarian receives a positive test result or diagnosis of the infectious disease, the Association Veterinarian will:
- a. Notify the Chief Veterinary Officer; the CVO will work with the Association Veterinarian to identify and notify veterinarians, staff or trainers that they have been in contact with or could have been exposed to the virus. The CVO will communicate with the appropriate individuals at each track and TSG corporate.
 - b. Self-isolate for 14 days and seek medical care as needed