

CARING FOR YOUR HORSE DURING COVID-19

BEST PRACTICE GUIDELINES FOR HORSE OWNERS

The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person. Respiratory droplets, produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes, can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby, or on surfaces and objects. Currently there is no evidence to suggest that horses can become sick with COVID-19 or spread the virus to people.

TIPS FOR PROPERTY MANAGERS

USE COMMON SENSE IF YOU HAVE AGISTERS OR LESSONS ON YOUR PROPERTY AND MINIMISE CONTACT BETWEEN PEOPLE.

Limit the number of people on the property so they can maintain four square metres of distance between them. If riders are unable or unwilling to do this, you might have to excuse them from lessons or from coming to the property until the pandemic has passed.

- Create an online calendar to limit the number of people present on the property at any one time.

Be prepared for any and all eventualities

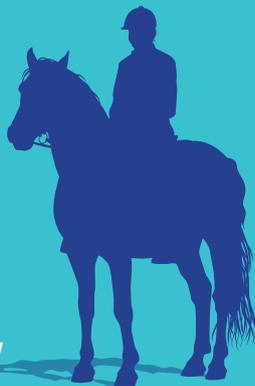
- Make sure all agisters have enough food, supplements and medication on site for a minimum of two weeks in case owners become ill or are required to self-isolate.

Perform routine environmental cleaning and disinfecting.

- Change the facility opening hours to allow more time for cleaning and disinfecting.
- Emphasize good hygiene practices, set up hand-washing stations with soap and hand sanitizer. Encourage good respiratory etiquette.

ESSENTIAL

- Select caretakers have priority access to agistment properties such as facility managers, vets and farriers
- Sanitation is carried out frequently on commonly used surfaces such as gates, doors and taps
- Horses that are stabled must be turned out or exercised
- No sharing or lending of any riding gear



NON ESSENTIAL

- Unnecessary visitation to horse properties by anyone other than owners/caretakers
- Exercising of horses that permanently reside in large suitable paddocks
- Purchasing of excessive feed or supplies

