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**N O T I C E: CHANGE OF HEALTH CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS AS OF JULY 10, 2019**

**TO:** All Horsepersons at Arapahoe Park’s 2019 Race Meet  
**FROM:** Dan Hartman, Director, Division of Racing Events  
**RE:** Updated health certificate requirements following confirmed cases of Vesicular Stomatitis in Colorado and surrounding states  
**DATE:** July 10, 2019

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**UPDATED EFFECTIVE JULY 10, 2019:** In conjunction with EIA and Piroplasmosis requirements from December 2019, there have been updated health certificate requirements for horses entering Arapahoe Park. These requirement updates are due to the confirmed cases of Vesicular Stomatitis (“VS”) in Colorado and surrounding states. **As of July 10, 2019, any horse (including sale and pony horses) entering or re-entering Arapahoe Park must have a valid, signed Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health certificate) within 72 hours of arrival on the grounds.** The health certificate must have a written VS statement from the issuing veterinarian, as follows:

“I have examined the animal(s) represented on this certificate of veterinary inspection and have found no clinical signs of vesicular stomatitis and they have not originated from a premises under quarantine for vesicular stomatitis.”

To reduce the risk of contracting and/or spreading VS, the Colorado Department of Agriculture (“CDA”) suggests that insect control and abatement is essential.

- The CDA recommends that: “fly wipes, sprays, foggers, and other repellents for use on animals and premises should be applied as directed by label instructions. Manure management, elimination of fly breeding areas, and appropriate insecticide use for premises are important prevention techniques.”
- The CDA also proposes that minimizing common water and feed sources between animals may decrease the spreading of Vesicular Stomatitis.

On December 4, 2018, the Colorado Department of Agriculture (“CDA”) reported a fourth case of a horse testing positive for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) for 2018.<sup>1</sup> The Department of Agriculture has recommended that all equestrian events consider requiring a negative Coggins and Equine

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<sup>1</sup> Original press release: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/agmain/news/1242018-fourth-eia-positive-horse-identified-colorado>

Piroplasmosis test prior to entry. A negative Coggins along with a current health certificate is already required for all horses initially entering Arapahoe Park. However, since three of the affected animals in 2018 were racing Quarter Horses that may have participated in events at Arapahoe or unsanctioned events outside of Arapahoe Park, at the request of CDA and in the best interest of racing and the animal population, there will be more stringent requirements for racing Quarter Horses entering Arapahoe Park this 2019 Race Meet.

As part of the additional precautions being taken this year, ALL RACING QUARTER HORSES before entry to the grounds of Arapahoe Park will need to produce a **current, signed health certificate within 72 hours**, a negative Coggins result within ten (10) days and a negative Equine Piroplasmosis test within 30 days of that entry date.

Additionally, ALL horses, regardless of breed, that have left Arapahoe Park after initial entry will need to obtain a new health certificate and negative Coggins test prior to re-entry into Arapahoe Park. The new health certificate must be obtained after the date the horse left Arapahoe Park and no later than 72 hours prior to re-entry and shall also have a negative Coggins test within 10 days, as well as a negative Equine Piroplasmosis test within the prior 30 days. Please note that this requirement is not specific to quarter horses; this requirement will be for all horses re-entering the grounds.

NOTE: The administered Equine Piroplasmosis tests must include both types of protozoa, *Theileria equi* and *Babesia caballi*. Negative test results for EIA and Piroplasmosis are to be attached to the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI), along with the other health requirements, and et.al.

Please make sure that the necessary tests are performed prior to arriving at Arapahoe Park. No horses will enter the grounds without the above testing having been performed and without proper documentation. **Should anyone bring horses to the racetrack without the proper test results, that person and his/her horses would be turned away and not allowed to access the grounds.**

Some items of note:

- All of the aforementioned diseases can be transmitted by biting insects. Arapahoe Park management will be taking steps to manage and spray for ticks but please ensure appropriate steps are taken to control the fly population in your area including cleaning/removing manure, spraying horses individually, etc. This may mean that horse trailers may be parked in one spot and sprayed for any type of ticks and parasites.
- Horses being imported into the United States from other countries as well as unsanitary animal husbandry and veterinary practices involving sharing of needles and/or syringes may also contribute to the spread of these and other diseases. To that end, all veterinarians shall use sterile, disposable needles and syringes for all treatments to horses. Such materials should be considered potentially hazardous waste and properly disposed after each single use.
- Samples may be submitted to Colorado State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (CSUVDL). Please call (970)-297-1281 with any submission questions. Each horse that is tested must also have an official individual identification which can

