

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**M e m o r a n d u m**

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To : All CHRB Horsemen and Interested Parties

From : Dr. Rick Arthur, DVM
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Subject : CHRB tracks closed to horses from Turf Paradise

CDFA has reported that the vesicular stomatitis (VS) index case in Maricopa County, AZ was brought into Turf Paradise and resided there for several days. Turf Paradise is closing and there is concern some potentially exposed horses may have traveled to California. The CDFA will not permit horses from VS confirmed premises (i.e. Turf Paradise) into California. Accordingly, CHRB will not allow those horses into CHRB inclosures. **Horses arriving from Turf Paradise should not be allowed on the grounds.**

For horses that have recently arrived from Turf Paradise but are currently on the grounds:

Official Vets and CHRB Safety Stewards: Please contact your stable offices to determine if any horses have come into your grounds in the last 2 weeks from Turf Paradise. If so, those horses should be examined and the trainers and their veterinarians notified of a possible VS exposure.

Attending Veterinarians: If any horses under your care have recently arrived from Turf Paradise be aware of their possible VS exposure and be on the lookout for VS signs. Any signs of a vesicular condition should be notified to State or Federal animal health officials. Diagnosing VS cannot be made based on clinical signs; sampling and laboratory testing is crucial to differentiate it from other diseases. VS is an emergency reportable disease (within 24 hours).

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