

Fact sheet for athletes and grooms



(Effective for all FEI Events held in Mainland Europe from 12 April to 30 May 2021)

FEI POST-EHV-1 RETURN TO COMPETITION

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Although the information in this document is accurate at time of publication, updates can be made at the discretion of the FEI according to the evolution of the situation.

Prior to travelling to the event

This applies to all the horses travelling to the event.

- **Monitor and record on a chart the temperature of each of your horses** twice a day for the 10 days leading up to the event (starting immediately if the event starts in less than 10 days). The event start date can be found on the FEI Calendar: <https://data.fei.org/Calendar/Search.aspx>.
- **Complete the FEI Equine Health Self-Certification form** for each of your horses. The form is available on the FEI website: <https://inside.fei.org/fei/ehv-1/return-to-competition> in the "Forms & Downloads" section.
- If the event you will be attending could have more than 400 horses, you will have to ask a veterinarian to **perform a PCR test on your horses 120 hours** or less before you arrive at the event.

The list of events concerned by this measure is published on the FEI website: <https://inside.fei.org/fei/ehv-1/return-to-competition>

As soon as you receive **the negative PCR test results** for your horses, please **send them to the FEI using the FEI HorseApp** mobile application. (<https://howto.fei.org/content/20/243/en/how-to-upload-a-pcr-test-on-the-fei-horseapp.html>)



Caution! Failure to comply with the above measures will result in possible denial of entry to the event venue to ensure protection of other horses.

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Arriving at the event

- Prior to your arrival, **inform the Organising Committee (OC) of your estimated arrival time** to allow for a safe and well-organised Examination on Arrival.
- Be ready for the “**Examination on Arrival**” that must be performed by an FEI Official Veterinarian.
The examination will take place either in a **dedicated and quiet area**, if possible, **or in the stable area(s) assigned to your horses**.
During the examination, **keep the horse passports and the FEI Equine Health Self-Certification forms handy**.
You or your groom will **have to take your horse’s temperature** using your own thermometer. Do not let a veterinarian use their own thermometer.
- **A horse with a temperature of 38.5°C or higher**, and any other horses travelling with it, **will be put into isolation**. Please respect all instructions provided by the veterinarian regarding the isolation of horses.
- The temperature of a horse put into isolation **can be taken again at a later stage** and, if back to normal and after assessment by the FEI Veterinary Delegate, the horse **may be allowed to go or return to the main stables**.
- Only accept to put your horses in cleaned, disinfected and sealed boxes.

At events

- **Always use the handwashing and disinfection facilities** when entering and leaving your stable area. These preventive measures are similar to the ones you are now used to applying for Covid-19.
- **Do not visit any other stable areas** than the ones where your horses are kept.
- Please **limit as much as possible the number of people** accompanying you in the stable areas.
- **Respect the one-way circulation system** for horses and persons.
- **Take the temperature of your horses twice a day** and record it on the clipboard placed on the door of the respective box.
- **Control your dog!** Your dog must always be on a leash and must never be in direct contact with horses.
- Horses **must not be tacked or untacked in the stable aisles**.
- **Horses may receive veterinary treatment in their own boxes** under the supervision of the FEI Veterinary Delegate or another veterinarian assigned by the FEI Veterinary Delegate.
- Horses selected for EADCMP testing must be sampled in their own boxes.
- If the event you are attending **takes place over consecutive weeks**, your **horses will have to be PCR tested on site**, as advised by the organising committee (on Sunday, Monday or Tuesday).
- If you have **concerns about the biosecurity measures or related matters**, immediately contact the FEI Veterinary Delegate.

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If a horse needs to be put into isolation

- **Horses presenting a temperature above 38.5°C or that have been in contact** with horses at risk with may be put into isolation at any time.
- **Respect all the measures in place**, such as wearing boot covers and coveralls. Always disinfect your hands when entering and leaving the isolation area as well as between each contact with your horses.
All protective gear must be removed when leaving the isolation area.
- **Do not go to another stable area** without going through a full cleaning and disinfection process.
- **Never bring your dog** with you in the isolation area.
- Isolation areas must have individual boxes for single horses, as well as groups of isolation boxes for horses that have been transported together.
- **The isolation/quarantine area must not be in the same stabling area, or same airspace, as non-isolated horses.** It must be separated by at least 50 metres from any flow of horses, whether indoors or outdoors.
- Pre-approved external locations within 10 km of the venue may be used as isolation overflow sites.

Leaving the event

- When leaving the event, please **make sure that all your horses are officially checked out** at the Show Office using the FEI HorseApp.
- Ask the event show office about the procedure they have chosen to apply.
The checkout is a very important step to ensure all horse movements are traced.
The checkout is done using the FEI HorseApp mobile application and shall be performed by the organiser at the Show Office.



- **This checkout does not replace the required Health Certificate that must be issued by the Veterinary Authority in some countries.**

When back at your home stables

- If any of your **horses develop any infectious disease within 14 days** after having attended an event, please inform us by email at veterinary@fei.org.

All the details and information you need are available and frequently updated on the FEI website: <https://inside.fei.org/fei/ehv-1/return-to-competition>

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Sanctions may be imposed by the FEI, including but not limited to not being authorised to enter the event venue, a fine and/or disqualification.

Should you have any questions, please contact us by email at usersupport@fei.org

We thank you in advance for your help in ensuring all horses remain healthy and allowing a safe return to competition. Each individual action counts!

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