



## Information for Horsepeople Stabling at Fort Erie Race Track

***Please note: This is a brief guide for horsepeople looking to stable at Fort Erie for the upcoming season. All horsepeople are required to read and follow the rules outlined in the full FELRC COVID-19 Policy & Procedure on our website, made effective March 30, 2020.***

In order to stop the spread of COVID-19 and continue to operate our backstretch, Fort Erie Race Track has put new operating procedures in place. These procedures are absolutely necessary in order to protect the health and safety of our horsepeople and staff, and to protect the horseracing industry. Due to the fluidity of the situation, these rules and guidelines are subject to change without notice.

### When I Arrive in Canada

Following directive from the Canadian Government, all people entering Canada must complete a mandatory 14-day self quarantine period upon arrival in the country under the new Quarantine Act. Failure to comply with the order could result in fines up to \$750,000 and/or imprisonment for up to six months.

When you arrive in Ontario, you must contact the Race Office to notify them that you have started your 14-day self-quarantine period. Proof of arrival in Canada is required (ex: boarding pass, border slip, photo proof of current presence in Canada, etc.) Trainers must provide a list of essential employees, who will also be required to contact the Race Office.

Once confirmation of arrival is made, you will be given a return to Fort Erie date, which will be 15 days from when you returned to Canada. You will not be allowed to enter the backstretch prior to this date.

***If you have not left the country, you are still required to notify the Race Office of your intent to enter the backstretch.***

Phone: 905-871-3200 ext: 3295, or contact Harry Eder on his cell

email: [heder@forterieracetrack.ca](mailto:heder@forterieracetrack.ca)

### Increased Backstretch Screening Measures

The Race Office will provide security with a daily list of horsepeople who are eligible to enter the backstretch stable area. **Individuals not on this list will not be granted access. It is your responsibility to contact the Race Office to ensure you're on the list.** All persons entering the Stable Area must provide a valid AGCO licence at the gate.

Access will only be through the West Access Security Gate, where Security Guards will ask the following questions:

1. *Have you travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days?*
2. *Do you have any symptoms of COVID-19, such as fever, cough, unusual muscle aches, tiredness, and/or difficulty breathing?*
3. *Have you been in contact with any person who has travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days?*
4. *Have you completed the required 14-day self-quarantine period?*

If the answer is **YES** to questions 1-3, entry will be denied at this time. If the answer is **NO** and you have completed the self-quarantine period, Security will screen for fever using a no-touch digital thermometer. Anyone with a temperature of more than 100.5F will be denied entry.

***Please note: Guests and visitors will not be permitted to enter the stable area at this time. The Race Office will limit horsepeople to essential staff only.***

## Shipping In. Do My Horses Need to be Quarantined?

Horses are not required to go into quarantine, and can be accepted at Fort Erie Race Track upon return to Canada.

While at Fort Erie Race Track, horses will need to be in the care of someone who has not travelled outside of Canada, or who has completed their 14-day self-quarantine period and is not showing symptoms of COVID-19.

When shipping drivers and any passengers are delivering horses to the stable area, if they have not self isolated for 14 days and do not pass our screening procedures, they will not be allowed to exit their vehicle (exception only to unlock the van if needed). In order for horses to be safely escorted off of trailers, drivers will be allowed to drive into the unloading lot in the stable area, however they will be required to remain seated in their vehicles while a Canada-based helper escorts horses off the trailers and to the designated barns.

When unloading horses and equipment from vans, helpers are advised to wear personal protective equipment, such as gloves and masks, and to thoroughly clean and disinfect all items coming off of the trailer.

**The Race Office must be notified in advance of all horses shipping to Fort Erie, along with an arrival date and time.**

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**email Harry: [heder@forterieracetrack.ca](mailto:heder@forterieracetrack.ca). Email Jackie: [jeder@forterieracetrack.ca](mailto:jeder@forterieracetrack.ca)**

*If arriving outside of regular hours and the Race Office is unavailable, please contact Security at: 905-871-3200 ext. 3303.*

## When Will Training Begin?

Currently, the track will open on April 18 for exercise only. There will be no timed workouts or starting gate training at this time. The exerciser will open on April 13, and will be free for use at this time. New safety rules related to COVID-19 and the exerciser will be put in place for this season. More information will be made available.

Backstretch hours will be reduced in order to minimize exposure. Please take note of our backstretch operating hours. Outside of these times, no person will be permitted in the backstretch, except for emergency situations.

**Backstretch Hours** beginning April 13: 4:00am – 12:00pm. 3:00pm - 9:00pm

**Track hours** beginning April 18 – 6:00am-10:00am. Closed Wednesdays. *Subject to change without notice*

## Steps to Prevent COVID-19 Spread

**In order to help stop the spread of COVID-19, all people are encouraged to follow the steps below.**

- Washing your hands using soap and water regularly and before eating is the most effective way to stop the spread of COVID-19. Please use hand washing stations and washrooms to wash your hands regularly and when entering and exiting the stable area. If not available, use hand sanitizer with alcohol content above 60%.
- Practice physical distancing by remaining 2 meters away from other people and avoid contact with others.
- Cover your mouth and nose with your arm or with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Dispose of the tissue and wash your hands immediately. Do not use a handkerchief.
- The backstretch is for business only and not for social gatherings or groups, including activities in the recreation hall and backstretch kitchen. People are advised to complete required work and then return home.

*Outside of Fort Erie Race Track, everyone is encouraged to stay home as much as possible, limit social gatherings and continue to practice increased personal hygiene to help limit the spread of COVID-19.*

## Violations

**There will be zero tolerance for any person who does not follow FELRC's COVID-19 Policies & Procedures, or acts in a way that may increase the risk of COVID-19 exposure. At FELRC's discretion, violators may be trespassed.**

**The Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium takes the COVID- 19 outbreak very seriously, and with the best of their ability, has set forth to protect our horses, horsepeople and employees. Thank you for your cooperation and helping us prevent the exposure and spread of COVID-19 in our backstretch.**