



## Ontario Racing COVID-19 Racetrack Protocol Minimum Standards

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The Ontario Racing tracks are committed to keeping Ontario's racing participants safe and healthy. In order to conduct live racing in the province without spectators and minimize any potential concerns with respect to the health and welfare of participants in the sport, the following minimum standards will apply to all persons who require access to the backstretch and/or paddock of any Ontario racetrack.

- a. Access to the backstretch/paddock will be limited to essential personnel who are licensed by the AGCO and meet all applicable track rules and regulations, specific to access to racing restricted area.
- b. All participants **must wear approved face coverings at all times** when in the backstretch/paddock. Persons requesting access are required to bring their own face masks and wear same at all times. **Bandanas and balaclavas are not permitted as face coverings.** Only face coverings approved by public health will be permitted. No person without a face mask will be permitted entry. Any person found on track premises without wearing a face mask will be ejected from the track.
- c. All drivers and individuals performing warm up duties for horses into race will be provided change facilities that include the opportunity for adequate social distancing. If tracks are unable to provide such adequate space, drivers and warm up personnel will be required to change outside backstretch/paddock areas.
- d. **All personnel, including Owners, Trainers, Drivers and Grooms, attending Flamboro Downs Racetrack are required to ask themselves the following questions prior to entering the property and confirm this action through the online webform via the QR Code or the ULR below:**
  1. ***Are you sick, ill and/or have any symptoms related to COVID-19?***  
*Note: The Government of Ontario has identified the following as COVID-19 related symptoms: fever or chills, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, coughing, sore throat, trouble swallowing, runny/stuffy nose or nasal congestion, decrease or loss of smell or taste, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, not feeling well, extreme tiredness, and /sore muscles.*
  2. ***Have you had close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?***
  3. ***Have you travelled outside of Canada within the past 14 days?***
  4. ***Have you been instructed by local health authorities to self-isolate due to travel or contact history?***

**Any person who answers "yes" to any of the questions above, or who is displaying visible signs of illness consistent with COVID-19 exposure, will be denied access to the track.**

- e. **Persons who answer "no" to any of the above questions will be subject to a temperature check using a no-touch thermometer. Persons with a temperature of less than 100.5 will be permitted to enter; persons with a temperature of 100.5 or more will be denied access to the track.**

- f. Each track will ensure that handwashing and/or sanitization stations and/or equipment are available to all persons attending the track.
- g. Each track will implement enhanced cleaning procedures.
- h. Each track will ensure that physical distancing guidelines are in place. Personnel will be required to maintain a physical distance between them of not less than 2 metres. Only 1 person shall be permitted in the paddock per horse, and horses should be placed in every other stall in the paddock where possible/required. Horses/handlers should vacate the paddock within ½ hour of race completion.
- i. Access to the retention area will be controlled and horsepeople will be required to comply with CPMA requirements.
- j. Where a racing participant has travelled outside of Canada, he/she must provide proof of the date and be in Ontario for 14 days before coming to the racetrack for training, qualifying or live racing. In addition, this person must provide a negative COVID-19 test taken 10 days into their quarantine.
- k. Each track will ensure that these requirements are communicated to its personnel and participants.
- l. Any horseperson coming to Flamboro Downs for training, qualifying or racing must complete the COVID-19 daily screening form prior to arriving at the racetrack and must adhere to Flamboro Downs COVID-19 racing protocols at all times.

**QR Code:**



**URL:**

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