



QUARANTINE UPDATE: EHV-1/EHM CASE AT CHAGRIN VALLEY FARMS EQUESTRIAN CENTER

Chagrin Falls, Ohio—Wednesday, March 13, 2024—Following an inspection this morning, the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) has lifted remaining quarantine restrictions and cleared us to return to operations as normal, including horse shows. All horses are now free to come and go from the farm in accordance with regular and updated requirements, except for the subject horse, which has been moved successfully to our on-site quarantine facility for individual quarantine. He has been re-tested but will remain there until he tests negative *and* is further along in his recovery.

The facility has been thoroughly disinfected throughout this period, including our show stalls for visiting horses, so visitors should feel safe returning in a few weeks. However, this situation continues to be a strong reminder that effective biosecurity starts at home, and that every member of our community has an obligation to be mindful of what our horses are exposed to and what we may be bringing to shows if best practices for biosecurity are not followed on a regular basis. If you have any doubt, please call your veterinarian or stay home.

Out of an abundance of caution, we have cancelled our 24 March dressage schooling show to allow a few more weeks of buffer and continued observation of all horses in the facility. Pending any changes to the situation, we hope and expect to re-start the spring show season with our 6-7 April schooling show.

Again, we ask that anyone who has questions about this situation contact the farm directly, rather than rely on rumors. We look forward to moving past this situation soon and resuming a great show season!

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Moving forward, it is our goal that Chagrin Valley Farms becomes a regional leader in biosecurity practices for safe and healthy horse shows and facility management to protect our guest competitors and in-house horses. To this end, we will align our policies with those established at both WEC locations and ask that other horse show venues in the region do the same. We are also working to make facility improvements that will limit interaction between our guests and boarded horses. Please review our updated biosecurity protocols and requirements [here](#), now in effect for all future CVF competitions and events.

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