



AMERICAN QUARTER
HORSE ASSOCIATION

AQHA Championship Events Health Protocols

Reference the following resources for the latest recommendations to protect you and your American Quarter Horse's health before attending an AQHA championship event.

Public Health Protocols

The health and safety of American Quarter Horse Association members is a priority at all AQHA shows and special events. AQHA advises attendees at all AQHA championship events to follow facility, local, state and federal mandates, along with the recommendations of the CDC and WHO regarding social distancing and public health. Attendees should review the current CDC and WHO guidelines prior to attending the event.

View current [CDC recommendations](#).

View current [WHO recommendations](#).

AQHA reserves the right to implement health protocols when applicable for all attendees, including professional service providers (i.e., farriers, veterinarians, etc.), at AQHA events.

Please note, an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any setting where people are present.

Equine Health Protocols

Biosecurity is a primary concern of show personnel when planning and hosting an AQHA championship show. Horse owners should take precautions when traveling with horses that may commingle with other horses and animals at events.

Visit the Equine Disease Communication Center for updates on current disease outbreaks at www.equinediseasecc.org/alerts/outbreaks.

Exhibitors are responsible for monitoring their horses' behavior and vital signs to be vigilant of illness that could occur. Early diagnosis prevents further transmission of diseases and increases the chances of a fast and full recovery for the horse.

Traveling to competitions can compromise a horse's immune system by exposing it to new germs, which increases the risk of contracting infectious disease. Vaccinations and other health precautions help prevent the transmission of disease. There are other precautions outside of vaccination that help horse owners protect their equine athletes on the road and during competition. Sanitizing stalls, tack and equipment before and after each use, as well as limiting direct contact with horses and communal spaces, such as warm-up and exercise arenas, also decrease the risk of disease transmission.

Review more tips on [safe practices for traveling with your horse](#).