SURVEY ON HOW STATES AND TRACKS ARE HANDLING TRAINING AND CLASSIFYING SAME

Kentucky

Turfway Park

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California

Santa Anita Park & Golden Gate

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Florida

Gulfstream Park

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Ohio

All Eight Ohio Tracks

"Racetrack backsides are to remain open. The racetrack is to be maintained and made available for training. Horsemen and racetrack employees are strongly encouraged to practice safe social distancing procedures."

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RACING SUSPENDED AT TURFWAY PARK EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Decision Follows Kentucky Governor's Health at Home Executive Order

LOUISVILLE, KY. (Tuesday, March 25, 2020) – Churchill Downs Incorporated (Nasdaq: CHDN) announced the suspension of racing at Turfway Park in Florence, Ky. effective immediately, in accordance with the "Healthy at Home" Executive Order 2020-257 issued by Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear following public health concerns in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Turfway Park racing season was originally scheduled to run through Saturday, March 28, which means only the final three racing dates were lost.

Turfway Park's backside will remain open for training because it falls under the "life-sustaining business" category as it provides "food, shelter, and other necessities of life for animals." Focus at Turfway Park will remain on the safety of all employees and members of the backside community.

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Churchill Downs Incorporated is an industry-leading racing, online wagering and gaming entertainment company anchored by our iconic flagship event - *The Kentucky Derby*. We own and operate Derby City Gaming, a historical racing machine facility in Louisville, Kentucky. We also own and operate the largest online horse racing wagering platform in the U.S., TwinSpires.com, and we operate sports betting and iGaming through our BetAmerica platform in multiple states. We are also a leader in brick-and-mortar casino gaming with approximately 11,000 slot machines and video lottery terminals and 200 table games in eight states. Additional information about CDI can be found online at www.churchilldownsincorporated.com.

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Santa Anita, Golden Gate Can Continue Training, Racing; Profits To Go Toward COVID-19 Relief

by Paulick Report Staff | 03.20.2020 | 5:32pm



Santa Anita Park racing with no spectators

After consulting with state government, the Stronach Group said Friday that Santa Anita Park and Golden Gate Fields would continue to host both training and racing, at least through this weekend.

Thursday, California Governor Gavin Newsom issued a "stay-athome" order for the state's citizens, and it was unclear how



that would affect horse racing, but the Stronach Group revealed shortly before Friday's card that racing would continue.

"Racehorses are living, breathing animals that require constant supervision and care – from feeding, to exercise, to veterinary care," Santa Anita Park wrote on its Twitter account Friday afternoon. "Horses cannot survive without human contact and care. Racehorses are conditioned athletes and standing in a stall without daily exercise is detrimental to their health, safety and welfare."



Friday evening, the California Horse Racing Board distributed the following statement from its executive director, Rick Baedeker:

"Governor Newsom has issued a stay-athome order for California except for critical sectors.

Circumstances may change at any time. Further direction or clarification from Governor Newsom may be forthcoming. While not authorized to speak on behalf of the Governor, the California Horse Racing Board seeks to provide guidance during this complex time. The CHRB recognizes that continuing to train and race may be considered essential to the health and welfare of the thousands of horses stabled at California racetracks and the hundreds of people caring for them and living within the stable area. The racing program provides the economic engine required to maintain the feed, veterinary care, and exercise for the horses, as well as the wages for those attending to them.

"The complete and total exclusion of the general public is guaranteed by the secure enclosures of the racetrack facilities.

"CHRB Chairman Greg Ferraro concurs with this assessment."

Training and racing will be conducted under <u>strict new</u> <u>protocols announced Thursday</u>. The tracks closed the stable entry gates to outside personnel.

"The closure of the stable entry gates means that no new accompanying personnel, including jockeys, trainers or grooms, will be allowed onto the grounds with horses who ship from outside of California into Santa Anita Park, Golden Gate Fields or San Luis Rey Downs," said a Stronach Group release. "Horses are only allowed to ship to trainers that currently have a barn at one of the three locations. To protect the perimeter, the horses will be met and transferred to the secure barn area in the care of personnel who are already on-site.

"All horses will be cared for by essential personnel who are operating under stringent measures for protection prohibiting non-essential contact and interaction to maintain the most current requirements on social distancing."

Santa Anita said on Twitter Friday that all profits from the weekend's racing would go to a charity or multiple charities providing coronavirus relief.



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RACING ACTION

Gulfstream Says Reported Threats Of Legal Action Over Potential Shutdown Are 'False'

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Gulfstream Park paddock

Things are getting ugly in Florida.

According to a report in the South Florida Sun-Sentinel
Tuesday night, Hallandale Beach
Vice Mayor Sabrina Javellana
believes Gulfstream Park may be
in violation of Broward County's
order requiring non-essential
businesses to close to prevent the
spread of COVID-19.



Javellana said the track had threatened legal action against the city of Hallandale Beach if officials try to shut down racing. Javellana said Broward County has indicated it is up to the city and its police department to enforce the order.

Bill Badgett, executive director of Florida operations for The Stronach Group, owner of Gulfstream Park, categorically denied any threat of legal action. "Our priority during these challenging times is the health and well-being of our employees and the horses we all love and care for," Badgett said in a statement issued Wednesday morning. "Racehorses are living, breathing animals that require constant supervision and care. It would be detrimental to their health, safety and welfare to stand in their stalls without daily exercise. There are over 3,200 horses that call Gulfstream Park home and our training and racing is being conducted by essential personnel only who are operating under stringent measures for protection that are aligned with the best guidance from health and governmental authorities. We value our relationship with the City of Hallandale and any suggestion of legal action during this time is false.

"On March 12, we voluntarily closed our venues to the public and we will continue to work with all stakeholders including city, county and state officials to ensure that we are in full compliance with all requirements for social distancing."



The news report states at least 20 people are required to conduct a race card, which exceeds the maximum number of ten people allowed under the Broward County order. Neither the *Sun-Sentinel* nor Javellana address

the stable area at Gulfstream, where hundreds of workers are required to provide daily care for the horses.

Javellana, a 21-year-old Florida International University student at the time of her election in 2018, describes herself on her Twitter profile as a "troublemaker." She said violation of the order would be a second-degree misdemeanor.

"I just really feel for the jockeys, the cameramen, the different staff that go into putting together this operation who are going to have to come home, who probably don't want to go into work," Javellana told the Sun-Sentinel. "It's just not the ideal situation, and they're not an essential business. I'm sorry to say but the Derby does not have to go on.

"The Olympics are being postponed. The horses can wait."

Read more at the **Sun-Sentinel**



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Racing At Aqueduct Suspended Through April 5; Training At Belmont To Continue

by NYRA Press Office | 03.25.2020 | 11:25am



The New York Racing Association, Inc. (NYRA) today announced that live racing at Aqueduct Racetrack will be suspended through at least April 5 due to the continued impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in New York.

As a result, the Grade 2, \$750,000 Wood Memorial presented by Resorts World

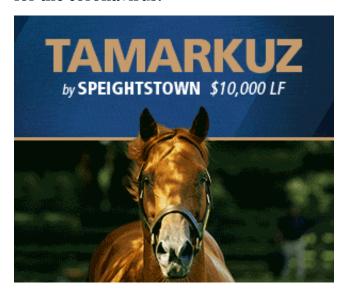


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Casino, previously slated for April 4 at Aqueduct, has been postponed to a date yet to be determined. A decision regarding the Aqueduct spring meet stakes schedule, including the Grade 1, \$400,000 Carter Handicap; Grade 2, \$300,000 Gazelle; Grade 3, \$250,000 Bay Shore; and Grade 3, \$150,000 Excelsior, all slated for April 4, will be made at a later date.

"While this decision is necessary, NYRA is working hard to determine when we can return to racing while prioritizing the health and welfare of everyone involved in our operations," said NYRA CEO and President Dave O'Rourke. "I would like to thank the trainers and backstretch community who are caring for the horses stabled at Belmont Park during this period of great uncertainty."

On March 19, NYRA announced live racing at Aqueduct was suspended following the confirmation that a backstretch worker who lived and worked at Belmont Park tested positive for the coronavirus.



The Preparedness and Response Plan Committee, comprised of key NYRA staff members as well as representatives from the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (NYTHA), the Backstretch

Employee Service Team (BEST), and the New York Race Track Chaplaincy of America (NYRTCA), have closely monitored and assessed developments regarding the coronavirus for the past several weeks.

During that time, the committee has established a number of key protocols following the most up-to-date health guidance established by the New York State Department of Health and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control to monitor and manage both the Aqueduct and Belmont properties.

"I'm encouraged by and thankful for the support, teamwork and communication with our industry partners during this difficult time," said O'Rourke. "The real-time input and expertise provided by Joe Appelbaum and the NYTHA team, along with the care and compassion of Paul Ruchames at BEST, our Chaplain Humberto Chavez, as well as Libby Imperio and her colleagues at Anna House have helped to safeguard our community and provide a sense of stability and hope."

The Belmont backstretch is home to 585 workers, who tend to the essential daily care of the more than 1,300 thoroughbreds stabled on the property. For the safety of the community, a number of safeguards recommended by the Preparedness and Response Plan Committee were implemented:

- -NYRA contracted with multiple outside cleaning vendors following best practices established by the New York State Department of Health and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.
- -Posting of coronavirus related signage in English and Spanish across the backstretch noting key information regarding social distancing, handwashing techniques, and a hotline to call for workers feeling the onset of symptoms.
- -Access to enter Belmont Park was restricted to Gate 6 and all workers, including licensed horsemen, that do not live on the backstretch are subject to a standard health assessment including temperature check.

- -The Belmont Park grounds are closed to ship-in horses with the exception of horses in extenuating circumstances subject to the approval of Martin Panza, NYRA's Senior Vice President of Racing Operations.
- -To eliminate congestion and encourage social distancing, a number of common areas have been closed or had their service modified including the recreation center, Morning Line café, track kitchen and clockers stand. The Morning Line café and track kitchen are providing grab-and-go food options to align with guidance from the New York State Department of Health. The clockers stand has been closed to all but essential safety personnel.

In addition, NYRA has confirmed with its vendor, Triple Star Horse Feed, that feed supply for horses stabled at Belmont is guaranteed during this time of uncertainty.

The Belmont Park backstretch and its facilities remain open to horsemen and operational for training. Owners will not be permitted access to the backstretch until further notice.



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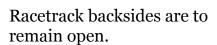
COVID-19: Ohio Racetracks Shut Down Until April 6

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Belterra Park in Cincinnati, Ohio

The Ohio State Racing
Commission announced
Wednesday that horse racing at
all Ohio racetracks is officially
cancelled through April 6, 2020.
The Commission will be in
contact with the permit holders
and the horsemen to discuss
further cancellations, if needed.





The racetrack is to be maintained and made available for training. Horsemen and racetrack employees are strongly encouraged to practice safe social distancing procedures. The Commission will continue to keep everyone informed and will post updates when pertinent information becomes available.

The Commission thanks everyone for their patience during this unprecedented and very fluid situation.

For questions or concerns, contact Executive Director Bill Crawford at 614-466-2758 or at bill.crawford@racing.ohio.gov. If you need further information on COVID-19, please



visit, coronavirus.ohio.gov or call 1-833-427-5634.



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