



## CORONA VIRUS LIVERY UPDATE

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### ACCESS TO YARD & FACILITIES

#### Owner, sharers & instructors

We are trying very hard to keep open for liveries to have access to their horses. **This will cease if:**

1. We feel there is an increased risk of spreading the virus, for example if we have a confirmed case amongst the staff or liveries.
2. We feel that by allowing owners & sharers access that we increase the risk to staff, or we feel that people are not taking enough precautions regarding social distancing and hygiene. **Remember to keep your distance & wash your hands frequently!**
3. Government guidelines include restrictions on all non-essential travel.

In order to prioritise the access for owners and minimise the risk to everyone, from **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March we request that all non-essential visits of professionals are cancelled.** This includes instructors, trainers, physios, saddle fitting, dentists etc. If you feel your horse needs attention from a professional, kindly consult with Sorrel or Beccy.

On weekdays we do not feel that we need to restrict access times as our yard has natural pacing, i.e. some attend in daytime, some in evenings. If we feel that weekends are becoming congested, we will try to operate a 'rota' of visitation times. Don't ask me how that's going to work, not worked that out yet!

### EQUINE HEALTH MATTERS

#### Veterinary

- Emergencies: most veterinary practices have restricted visits to 'emergencies' only (definitely the case for Mayes & Scrine). As a rough guide, under normal circumstances if we would call the vet out on-the-day to attend at a weekend, then it is deemed an emergency. If in doubt, we would always call the vet and consult with them over the phone.
- Routine health visits: for the time being most vets are operating a telephone or online/email consultation service, backed up with submitting photos or video to assess whether a vet visit is needed and/or suggest treatment. Please note, this service may be charged for – check with your vet if you require more information.
- Veterinary supplies: we have a stock of essential supplies that can cope with most emergency & day-to-day medical needs. The vet cupboard is kept open, so that access is easy for necessary treatments, but liveries **MUST NOT** take any veterinary supplies without permission (unless it's an emergency in the evening).
- Vaccinations: advice from Mayes & Scrine - most vaccinations will be allowed to lapse beyond their exact due date because there is good health cover for a period after the vaccination technically lapses. Exceptions are applied to vulnerable horses, in which case the owner can request supply of a vaccination for self-administering. If you consider your horse to be in vulnerable health and the vaccination is due, please consult with your vet. We can administer injections for you, but please be aware there is always a risk with injecting and a risk of allergic reaction to any vaccine.

#### Farriers

- There are currently no restrictions on farrier visits to keep horse's feet in good health.

#### Other health professional

- Urgent attention: if you feel that your horse requires urgent attention from a professional other than a vet or farrier, please consult with us.