



Guidelines for Boarding Stables

For updated information on COVID-19 and guidance on each phase on our provincial recovery documents, visit the Government of New Brunswick website at www.gnb.ca/coronavirus

Biosecurity in the Barn

Biosecurity measures are based on the known areas of transmission of disease, through direct human interaction and by contact with common shared surfaces.

In order to trace possible transmission, each person entering the barn must be known to the barn owner.

1. Only the horse owner/boarder or members of their immediate family living in the same residence accompanying them may visit the barn
2. Visits must be scheduled by the barn owner in order to restrict contact with other boarders, maintain proper physical distance and ensuring that maximum gathering restrictions will not be exceeded.
3. Scheduled times will include an arrival and a departure time and include the names, ages and contact information for all people.
4. An online health declaration containing the following questions will be provided for each person to complete and submit before visiting the barn:
 - i) Do you have any of following symptoms: fever/feverish, cough, sore throat, headache or runny nose?
 - ii) Is anyone in your household sick?

If you answered YES, and have only one symptom, then stay home and do not return until you are fully recovered.

Visitors will be asked not to bring family pets on to the property at this time.

Signage in the Barn must include:

- Hand Washing Poster
- Hand Sanitizer Poster
- Physical Distancing Poster

Posters for the barn may be found in Appendix A of [GNB Covid-19 Recovery Phase Guidance Document](#)

Sanitation Supplies:

Please consult "[Cleaning and Disinfection for Covid-19](#)"
This will supply information on an approved surface disinfectant.

Barn managers must ensure they have all the necessary supplies such as hot/cold potable running water, liquid soap, paper towel, and garbage bins, for handwashing, or minimum 60% alcohol based hand sanitizer; toilet paper; cleaning and disinfecting supplies and personal protection equipment (non-medical masks for staff if required and disposable gloves) in accessible areas and at hand washing stations.

If a public washroom is provided for boarder's use, it must be cleaned, monitored and sanitized regularly during the times the barn is booked for boarders' use.

A schedule for disinfection duty will be given to staff members, including a list of areas to be cleaned. These sites will include door handles, light switches, taps, hose attachments, wash stalls, stall door hardware, bucket and all handles, etc.

If there is more than one staff member, mucking supplies should be assigned so that only one person handles their supplies. Boarders will be required to disinfect any tools which they use and will be asked to transport their own tack and grooming supplies with them unless a tack box or locker is supplied.

Deliveries and Equine Service Providers (Farriers, Veterinarians, etc.)

Schedule deliveries and equine service appointments at times when the barn will not otherwise be in use by boarders. Allow for time to disinfect before and after they are scheduled.

It is important to refer regularly to the New Brunswick's website for updates during this time. Requirements may change frequently in order to improve conditions in the coming months.

Stables reopening to boarders may be visited by government inspectors checking for compliance with the [GNB Covid-19 Recovery Phase Guidance Document](#) . Owners who feel unable to meet the requirements should wait until a later Recovery Stage to reopen to boarders.