



California High School Rodeo Association

P.O. Box 279

Arroyo Grande, CA 93421

EIN 95-3310490

November 6, 2023

CHSRA Membership,

As we are all aware, there are counties that have suspect cases and confirmed cases of VSV. As our districts are traveling to district rodeos over the next two weeks, please take a moment to visit https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/AHFSS/Animal_Health/VS.html , which is the California Department of Food and Agriculture page for Vesicular Stomatitis.

Please make sure that you, as members, are checking your email for official communication from your district regarding the upcoming rodeos. The districts that are hosting the rodeos are working closely with their respected facilities and local veterinarians to make sure that things are handled properly. Please make sure that you have patience and understanding as things can change abruptly. Ultimately, we ask that you have respect for the district representatives as they are obtaining new information multiple times a day from their facility, the local veterinarians, and the CDFA.

In order to follow the CDFA's guidelines, please note the following:

1. A quarantine on the premises is possible if there is an outbreak (14 days after the last case breaks out)
2. DO NOT bring any horse which has been exposed to a VSV positive OR VSV suspect case within the past 14 days. This includes any horse living on the same premises as such horse
3. Please do not allow horses to share water or feed tubs, make sure to keep the end of hoses out of buckets when filling up.
4. Keep pens clean, fly spray on horses, to help keep the carriers at bay.
5. If the facility has additional requirements, be respectful of those signs posted or information given to you.

After discussion with district representatives, if somebody knowingly brings an exposed horse to a rodeo, they can be disqualified, referred to the state board, and turned over to the CDFA. We are told that CDFA may impose a \$20,000 fine per horse.

Please understand that our goal is to rodeo. In order to make sure that we can continue to rodeo for our 1073 members, we need everyone's help to follow the guidelines set forth by the CDFA. We hope that you can all understand that between the state facilities and the private facilities that our district rodeos use, each facility may have different guidelines. The district is at the mercy of the facility that they are using, and that facility has the final say.

Please reach out to your district president for further questions or clarification.