

Atlantic Provinces Harness Racing Commission	Commission des courses attelées des provinces de l'Atlantique
PO Box 128 5 Gerald McCarville Drive Kensington, PE C0B 1M0 Tel 902 836-5500 Fax 902 836-5320	CP 128 5, promenade Gerald McCarville Kensington (Î.-P.-É.) C0B 1M0 Tél 902 836-5500 Télééc 902 836-5320



NOTICE TO THE INDUSTRY

Date: May 2, 2018

Re: Strangles (*S. equi*)

The Atlantic Provinces Harness Racing Commission advises that there has been a confirmed case of Strangles on PEI. Strangles is a highly contagious and serious infection caused by the bacterium, *Streptococcus equi*.

Local veterinarians and farm management are dealing with the situation and have implemented control measures. Provided that these measures are followed there is very little risk to the local horse population.

Track management should monitor the movement of horses in and out of their facilities.

All horse owners are encouraged to continue to pay close attention to the health of their horses, in particular any significant rise in the animal's temperature. It is also important to utilize good sanitation techniques to prevent the spread of disease.

Dr. Paul Hogan
Director of Racing
phogan@atlanticphrc.ca