



Protocol for taking broodmares to stud

Fight against the spread of COVID-19 virus

2020 Breeding season

In the fight to stop the spread of COVID-19 and as a precautionary measure to reduce as much as possible contact between individuals, the equine industry has set out a specific protocol on how to receive mares at stud.

This document must be signed by the stud at the time of booking the appointment and before the mare leaves for the stud. The document must be sent by email.

Studs must commit to honouring the safety measures outlined in this protocol and a copy signed by the stud manager must be retained by the person in charge of transporting the mare to the stud.

All stakeholders involved in this protocol must be in good health (not show any signs of ill health and no fever), and must not have had any contact with infected people, nor with people at risk.

Stud (name and address):.....

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Name of the person in charge at the stud:

Date and time of the appointment:

Name and SIRE Number of the broodmare:.....

Name of the transport company and licence plate number:

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Signature and stamp
of the stud

Name and Signature of the person
transporting the broodmare

The person who is transporting the broodmare must:

- **Bring the following documents in case of a control by the authorities**

- Signed protocol
- Documentary proof of professional activity (Kbis, SIRET, SIREN, MSA declaration) and/or a statement from your employer
- Registration of equine transportation (sample on IFCE site <https://www.ifce.fr/ifce/sire-demarches/sanitaire-detention/registre-des-transports/>)
- Passport of horse in transit
- ID of the person driving the horsebox or van
- Statement of travel exemption

- **Guidelines to respect before transporting broodmares**

- The van or horsebox for transporting the broodmares must be cleaned before and on the day of transport.
- You must have an appointment with the stud
- It is compulsory to carry hand sanitizer or alcoholic solution on board
- The person unloading the broodmare must wash his or her hands beforehand or wear single-use gloves
- If possible, only transport the mare when ovulating in order to avoid unnecessary travelling
- Preliminary health tests for covering/insemination should be sent on via email at least the day before the booked appointment.
- Send a copy of the passport to the stud in order to avoid any surface contamination (markings and vaccination pages)
- Only 1 person allowed. For mares with foals, where possible, keep the foals back at the stud.
- **It is forbidden to stop on the way to the stud unless there is an emergency situation involving the mare in transport.**

- **Guidelines for the studs:**

- The transporter must stay in his van or horsebox during the entire time at the stud. Contact is made by telephone only and documents are shown through a closed window.
- The identity check of the broodmare is done via the documents sent the day before via email. The stud handler will issue a statement regarding the verification of the document and the covering details (This statement will be used to make the adjustments in the original identification papers at a later stage), which he will send via email to the owner.

The stud commits to the following:

- **Health measures in place:**

- The stud manager makes sure that there is no exchange of people when the mare is covered.
- The stud supplies its staff with protective gear and wash aides.
- The staff in charge of the mare wears protective gear, in particular gloves and will use a longe, headcollar or bridle (which is disinfected between each animal) to handle the mare. Each person will know exactly what he or she is expected to do before the mare is covered.
- The person who holds the mare and the person who brings in the stallion/ or handles the insemination, will keep 1.5m apart.
- The loading area is cleaned between each usage
- The chip reader is cleaned after each usage
- It is not allowed to have more than one mare in the covering shed
- If mares are to be kept on site, they have to be isolated.
- In order to improve biosecurity, studs have to be extra vigilant regarding the hygiene level of their staff's attire.

If these guidelines are not met or if there is any doubt, the stud manager can refuse to accept the broodmare.

Any stud manager who cannot meet the above-named conditions, must provisionally close the stud or refuse mares coming from outside his or her own stud.