



**Racing
Victoria**

COVID-19 Update – Additional raceday measures from Saturday

Friday, 3 April 2020

Dear Trainer,

I write to provide you with a further update on arrangements for Victorian racing in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Whilst racing and training are currently permitted to continue in Victoria under strict biosecurity protocols, it's important that we continually review our protocols.

After consultation with the Australian Trainers Association (ATA) and the Victorian Jockeys Association (VJA), the following additional measures will be implemented for all race meetings from Saturday, 4 April 2020 until otherwise advised:

- only one one licensed or registered person will be permitted to lead each horse in the mounting yard unless approval is granted by the Stewards upon application, noting that the Stewards may seek to send the horse straight onto the track as an alternative;
- only one trainer per training partnership will be permitted to attend each race meeting to further assist in minimising the number of people on track; and
- exhibition gallops will no longer be permitted at race meetings.

I would like to also take this opportunity to specifically remind you about the need to remain 1.5 metres from other people at all times, particularly when giving instructions to riders on raceday.

Every person in the Victorian racing industry must continue to play their role in ensuring that racing can safely continue while the decision to do so remains in our hands. I thank you in anticipation of your continued cooperation.

To keep abreast of all the directives and protocols in place for the safe continuation of racing and training in Victoria please visit our dedicated website portal – racingvictoria.com.au/covid19

Yours sincerely,

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