



Temporary relaxation of equine influenza vaccination owing to coronavirus outbreak

Summary of Requirements for the remainder of 2020:

- There will be a relaxation of the current requirement for a booster within 9 months of raceday – for the remainder of 2020, all horses must have received booster vaccinations of **not more than one year apart**.
- If any vaccination is administered late (either an annual booster over one year apart, or any of the primary course vaccinations), the horse will have to re-start a new primary course.
- For full details of primary course requirements, please see the [Vaccinations Code](#).
- The proposed consultation for vaccination harmonisation across Europe will be temporarily delayed, and carried out as soon as is reasonably practicable.
- The BHA Veterinary Committee will continue to monitor the situation, and make further recommendations when necessary.

Q&A

What if my horse goes over a year without a vaccination?

If this was to occur then you would need to restart your vaccination process from the beginning.

What if my horse goes over a year without a primary or secondary booster?

Again you would need to restart your program as from the beginning.

What will happen in 2021 – when will the nine months return?

This is yet to be determined and will depend on the consultation and also the wider situation regarding COVID-19 and the effect on routine vaccinations by stable veterinarians.

Are these calendar months or days?

12 months refers to 12 calendar months as per usual, rather than 365 days

What happens if my horse isn't racing – can he go over one year without having to re-start?

No, if the horse was to go over a year without a vaccination then it would need to restart a program from the beginning, whether it is racing or not.