

Boulogne, 10 November 2020

FRANCE GALOP MEDICAL SERVICE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW MEASURES

As the Covid-19 virus is actively circulating, in the interest of preserving the health of France Galop or foreign Racing Authority licence holders (jockeys, apprentices, young jockeys, amateur riders), further health measures regarding licence holders will come into force.

From Monday, 16 November 2020, in order to ride, licence holders must systematically and for each race meeting:

1. Complete and sign a Covid-19 questionnaire issued by France Galop.

The document can be downloaded on the France Galop website – jockey’s section – and must be completed and printed before the start of a race meeting (In exceptional circumstances, it can be completed at the racecourse)

The completed document must be handed to the Racing Secretary or the Stewards at the racecourse before the licence holder rides in his/her first race of the meeting.

From Wednesday, 18 November 2020:

2. In addition to the Covid-19 questionnaire, licence holders must also produce either:

a) For those who have never tested positive to Covid-19:

- A summary of an **RT-PCR test** or a **rapid antigen nasopharyngeal swab test**, which searches for the respiratory virus responsible for Covid-19 and which is **less than 10 days old** and shows a **negative** test result. (The 10 days period starts on the date the test was taken and not the date the result was received. For example, for a race meeting that takes place on 18 November, a test taken from 9 November onwards is valid, but a test taken on 8 November or earlier is not).

b) For those who have already tested positive to Covid-19:

- A summary of a serological analysis of antibodies to Covid-19, which was carried out following a medical prescription, is **less than 30 days old** and shows a **positive** result, in order to be allowed to ride again. (The 30 days period starts on the day the test was taken, not the day the result was received. For example, for a race meeting on 18 November, a test taken from 20 October onwards is valid, but a test taken on 19 October or earlier, is not.)

Also, it is highly recommended that any person authorized to ride should download the **#TousAntiCovid app, which is particularly helpful for quickly finding a testing centre.**



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