



Stricter health measures for jockeys

As the Covid-19 virus is actively circulating, France Galop, in consultation with the Jockey's Association, is tightening the health measures in place for jockeys and any other France Galop or foreign Racing Authority licence holders, including apprentices, young jockeys and amateur riders.

In the interest of preserving their health, two significant new health measures will be implemented:

- **From Monday, 16 November 2020**, in order to ride, jockeys must complete a Covid-19 questionnaire, issued by France Galop. Before the first ride of the meeting, this questionnaire must be handed to the Secretary or the Stewards.
- **From Wednesday, 18 November 2020**, in addition to the Covid-19 questionnaire, jockeys (all licence holders) are required to produce an RT-PCR **test** or a rapid antigen nasopharyngeal swab test, which searches for the respiratory virus responsible for Covid-19, **is less than 10 days old** and shows a **negative** test result.

Jockeys (all licence holders) who have already been diagnosed positive for Covid-19 must produce 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.

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.

These new health measures strengthen the existing rules for jockeys on racecourses and their usage of the changing rooms. As a reminder, the protocol for racing behind closed doors requires that:

- Face masks must be worn at all times, including in the changing room (they can be lowered for the duration of the race only),
- Allocated seats in the changing rooms must be respected on the basis of keeping a distance of 1.5 m between two people
- The use of the sauna is prohibited until further notice.

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