



American Royal Biosecurity Protocols

Protocols currently in place

General Protocols

1. Before or in between shows, stalling is knocked down and facility is cleaned.
 - a. Solids/trash removed
 - b. Facility swept
 - c. Facility mopped
 - d. Facility sanitized and disinfected
2. Stalls consist of material that can easily be washed and disinfected.
3. Stalls are cleaned and sanitized between events.
4. Stalls are set to prevent nose to nose contact between horses.
5. The number and accessibility of wash racks is adequate. They are constructed of material that can be easily maintained, cleaned and disinfected.
6. Wash racks are cleaned multiple times daily during all events.
7. Dirt is watered multiple times daily to minimize debris and aerosol disease transmission.
8. Walkways are easily washed and maintained multiple times daily.
9. Exercise and warm up areas are adequate in size.
10. Feed room is secure and removed from high traffic areas. Feed and bedding is sourced and recorded from reputable suppliers. Bedding is sold in individual bales.
11. Manure carts are used to handle all manure and waste. Staff monitors the frequency in which waste carts are emptied. Waste carts are assigned to specific areas and are immediately returned after being emptied. Carts are cleaned in between each event.
12. All animals on grounds must possess current health certificate that has been issued within 30 days prior to arrival on grounds.
 - a. This clean bill of health includes vaccine record and proof that animal has tested negative for applicable diseases.
13. AR prohibits entry to animals with visual signs and symptoms of disease.
14. Veterinarian periodically monitors barns to observe animal health conditions.
 - a. Veterinarians do have the authority to make decisions that are in the best interest of all animals housed on grounds.

Protocols specific to Equine, Youth and ProRodeo

1. All horses must have current health certificate that is issued within 30 days prior to arrival on show grounds.
 - a. Proof of a negative Coggins Test is required.
2. Emergency contact card is displayed on each stall for Youth Rodeo.



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3. Precedent has been set for animal traffic patterns leading to and from stalling, practice arena and exhibition areas.
4. During Youth Rodeo, stock animals are hauled in/out every day and they are placed in holding pens for the duration of their visit.
 - a. Animals must have current health certificates.
 - b. All animals are checked for visual signs and symptoms by event veterinarian.
 - c. This includes equine, bovine and ovine species.
5. During ProRodeo, stock animals are housed in Scott Pavilion as a form of isolation.
 - a. Animals must have current health certificates.
 - b. All animals are checked for visual signs and symptoms by event veterinarian.
 - c. This includes equine, bovine and ovine species.
6. ProRodeo hospitality is in Lower Exhibition Hall.
 - a. No stalls within 20 feet of food consumption/seating area.
 - b. Hand sanitizer provided.

Protocols specific to Livestock Show

1. Entry points are designated to promote safer traffic patterns.
2. Bedding utilized in cattle ties and tie-out areas is restricted to American Royal bedding.
3. Limited use of personal golf carts, scooters and gators on the grounds.
4. Scrapies ID required for lambs and goats.
5. Animal identification tags/tattoos are required for animals.
6. Exhibitors are required to clean stalls and pens. Exhibition area must be cleaned before 8:00 am each show day.
7. All animals exhibited must have current health certificate that is issued within 30 days prior to arrival on show grounds.
8. Out-of-state animals that require a permit must obtain the permit no more than 15 days from the event.
9. All animals are subject to examination by show or state veterinarian. Animals with signs and/or symptoms of infectious, contagious or communicable diseases will be removed from the grounds or held in isolation.
10. Market animals are stalled by state and then by farm for all species.

Protocols to be implemented before the 2016 American Royal Season

1. Signage will be posted throughout facility to educate constituents and promote healthy practices.
2. Directional signage will be posted directing constituents to restrooms and hand washing/sanitizing stations.
3. Hand sanitizing stations will be strategically positioned throughout the facility.



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4. Isolation for infected animals will be available in Tom Bass or Scott Pavilion.
 - a. Stalls or pens will be set for potential emergency situation. Stalls are made of material that can easily be disinfected.
 - b. Access will be limited to one door that would be secure from outside traffic.
 - c. Dedicated cleaning, tack, feed, medical and water equipment would be dispatched to serve that area only.
 - d. Supplies and equipment required will be identified per situation.
 - e. Manure and waste collected from isolation area will be handled carefully and protected from wind, birds and vermin.
 - f. Memorandum of understanding will be communicated with trash provider/disposal site.
5. Emergency contact list will be available for each event.
6. Animal traffic patterns will be documented for future improvement.
7. Increased sanitation protocols will be implemented.
8. Stalling will be set so that it limits animals to exposure to high traffic areas when space allows.
9. Facility operations team will be mindful of designating equipment for specific tasks.
10. A facility map will be included in the biosecurity plans.
11. There will be no communal water sources.
12. Waste overflow sites will be monitored and emptied regularly.

Protocols to be implemented for future seasons

1. Work towards designated stalling for all livestock exhibitors by state, county, 4H/FFA Chapter.
2. Work towards designated tie-out locations for individual farms.
3. Traffic patterns will be analyzed in effort to rethink cattle tie-out location.
4. Vehicle traffic flow will be designed to prohibit or at least limit access to animal traffic areas.
5. Document traffic and housing patterns to avoid comingling of livestock species within barn.
6. Establish a documentation protocol that will collect official identification of all animals on the premises, identify the person responsible for animal care, identify animal origination, specify where animal will go after AR event, state animal arrival and departure times and designate stalling location on grounds.
7. Establish an off-site check-in area for entry review prior to animal arrival on grounds.
8. Establish a check-out process. Animals need approval to leave early, especially if it's for health reasons.
9. Dogs should not be allowed on the event grounds (except for service animals under the American with Disabilities Act).
10. Include biosecurity plan/information in premium books and other event information booklets.
11. Third party events involving animals are required to have a veterinarian on site.