



CHANGES TO ARTICLE 135 REGARDING INFLUENZA AND HERPESVIRUS VACCINATIONS

The Ministry of Agriculture has validated the changes to Article **135** of the French Rules of Racing regarding the Influenza and Herpesvirus vaccination protocols, which will come into effect starting from **May 5, 2021**.

From this date, to allow entry and/or access to training sites, racecourses and all other France Galop establishments, all horses must have received:

1. A primary vaccination consisting of **two injections** against Influenza +/- Herpesvirus, **at a minimum interval of twenty one days to a maximum of sixty days**, followed by another set of injections in the following time delays:
2. A booster vaccination against Influenza and Herpesvirus at **a minimum of one hundred twenty days to a maximum of one hundred eighty days** after the second primary injection.
3. Following vaccination requirements:
 - Influenza: maximum delay within six months (compulsory every 6 months)
 - Herpesvirus: strongly advised every six months but compulsory every twelve months

In practice:

- Horses that have received their primary vaccinations before May 5 2021 and that have been regularly vaccinated do not require the initial vaccinations. Continue vaccination protocol of Influenza within six months and Herpesvirus in a recommended six months and no more than twelve months.
- Unvaccinated horses or those that need to restart the vaccination protocol must abide by the new intervals.

