



Penbode Equine Vets

VACCINATION UPDATE 15 APRIL – COVID-19

As recommended by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and in accordance with the Government COVID-19 guidelines, we have hitherto limited our yard visits as far as possible to emergency and urgent cases, and have ceased vaccinating horses.

Revised guidance received on 9th April has indicated that subject to a full risk assessment of the COVID-19 infection risk both to the horse owner and to us and our team, it may be possible in certain circumstances to vaccinate horses.

At present we have not seen the COVID-19 infection rate peak, and human exposure remains an ever-present and possibly growing risk. We have therefore decided, along with most other local equine veterinary practices, that for the remainder of THIS week we will not be doing routine vaccinations.

However, we will revisit this decision once the new Government guidelines are released this week, and publish a further update here. It is very likely that if vaccination courses have to be restarted because of the delay, some form of vaccination 'amnesty' will be put in place to mitigate the expense.

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