

18 June 2021

To all Equine owners, managers, veterinarians, and other role players

With reference to the attached letter issued by the Director: Animal Health on the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 relating to the delay in start of the allowed period for vaccination within the AHS controlled area; it has been 2 weeks since the issue of the notice and we are advised that the opening date is now under review. We are waiting for an official notification but would expect a follow up notice towards the end of this week or very early next week from DALRRD and will distribute this as soon as it is received. Until we receive this notification however permissions to vaccinate within the surveillance and free zones will not be issued, and vaccination within the AHS protection zone may not proceed.

A reminder that the period of vaccination was previously reduced to the low midge activity period of the year in order to decrease the risk of midge transmission of vaccine virus, and the period allowed for vaccination is therefore based on low vector activity periods. This period can be amended by the Director from time to time should the risk for vector transmission change.

Sincerely

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We are starting to see a decline in AHS cases in the endemic areas of the country. The Cases have continued in certain areas well beyond the normally predicted times, and therefore blanket movement bans have had to remain in place for most Provinces. After discussion with State Vet Boland and other State Veterinarians within the various State Vet Areas of the endemic part of the country, the decision has been made that from the 28th June we can start accepting movement permit applications for direct movement from certain areas of the infected part of the WCP, the endemic provinces of KZN, EC, NCP and FS Province. These applications will be handled on a case for case basis based on the location and proximity to recent cases still within 40 days of the reported case. Please be reminded of the absolute minimum turn-around time of 7 days for processing. Any application that was submitted earlier in the year, where the horse has not yet moved due to waiting for movement to open, will still be valid, however please send the updated transport and travel date details. Permits will only be issued on or after the 1st July for these areas where direct movement will be allowed.

The following provinces will not open on the 1st July and will remain closed for now for direct movement as a whole: NWP, MPU, LP and GP. The following State veterinary areas will not open on the 1st July and will remained closed for now: Kimberley (NCP), De Aar, (NCP - Colesburg area specifically), Bloemfontein (FS), Welkom (FS), Vredendal (WCP). The status of these areas will be reassessed on a weekly basis after 1 July.

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