

# COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AMBULATORY PRACTITIONERS

## COMMUNICATION PRIOR TO ARRIVAL



- Use telemedicine if at all possible and **delay non-essential appointments.**
- Obtain the horse's history and **detail a workup plan with the owner/barn manager over the phone** to limit interaction on the property.
- Inform the farm manager/caregiver of your biosecurity plan and **verify if any person on the farm has been exposed to COVID-19.**
- If laboratory testing or other third-party services may be necessary, verify in advance what services are available.



Learn more at <https://aaep.org/resources/covid-19-resources-veterinarians>

## AT THE FARM

- Maintain at least a 6-foot distance and **have the handler stand on the opposite side of the horse** from the veterinarian (if possible).
- **Limit attendance** at the examination to **one person only** (additional people can be on speakerphone or FaceTime).
- When a technician or assistant is not available to handle a fractious animal, consider the use of oral or IM sedation before proceeding to IV sedation to hopefully **facilitate solo treatment.**

## equine professionals



Use your own halter/lead rope/chain/lunge line.



Use electronic forms, documentation and payment processing whenever possible.



Consider wearing coveralls or layers over street clothes; remove coveralls after leaving the premises and placed them in a bag for laundering.



- Equipment/supplies should be cleaned and disinfected after each farm and prior to the next visit.
- Wash hands/use sanitizer frequently.
- Disinfect vials and containers before handing to the client or submitting to a lab.



Designate one tote to take limited materials out of the truck to the barn.

