

**YORTON SALE**  
**10 SEPTEMBER 2020**  
**COVID19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS**  
Yorton Stud, Poulton, Leighton, Welshpool SY21 8HJ

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## 1.0 Background

In late December 2019, a new (novel) coronavirus was identified causing severe respiratory disease including pneumonia. It was originally named Novel Coronavirus and The World Health Organisation (WHO) advised the following language associated with the virus. The virus causing the infection has been named - severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2).

The disease caused because of infection is named - coronavirus disease (COVID-19). COVID-19 has been categorised as an airborne High Consequence Infections Disease.

As a newly identified virus there is currently no human immunity to it and no vaccine is available to prevent infection. As a viral infection, antibiotics are not an effective treatment.

As we are aiming to hold the Yorton Stud Sale at Yorton Stud in 2020, we are committed to ensuring that we have adequate safety measures in place for our Goffs UK staff and all attendees. The protocols outlined herewith are in accordance with Government guidance.

## 2.0 Government Procedures

In line with the Government guidelines published on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020 and subsequent updates in June, July & August 2020, to protect yourself and others and to ensure a safe working environment at Yorton Stud the following should always be observed:

- Facemasks/face coverings to be worn in all indoor **and** outdoor areas (where social distance cannot be maintained)
- Maintain the recommended social distance from any other person
- Where people cannot be the recommended social distance apart the transmission risk must be adequately managed
- Increase the frequency of hand washing using antibacterial hand soap
- Increase the frequency cleaning of surfaces, door handles, railings etc.
- Use of additional Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as necessary including hand sanitiser alcohol free, antiseptic wipes, plastic gloves.
- Carry out COVID-19 risk assessments and implement sufficient controls

We are kindly requesting that anyone who meets any of the following criteria should **not** come into the Yorton Stud.

- fever
- flu-like symptoms such as coughing, sore throat and fatigue
- shortness of breath
- loss of sense of taste
- loss of sense of smell
- Is in an at risk or vulnerable category
- Is living with someone who would be considered at risk or vulnerable
- Is living with someone in self-isolation.
  
- Is returning from affected regions / areas or who have been in contact with someone who has contracted COVID19.

If any person develops any of the symptoms outlined above while in attendance at Yorton Stud, then they should

- Report it to our COVID19 Safety Officer, Chris Edwards. Chris's email address is [ischrist.edwards@yortonfarm.co.uk](mailto:ischrist.edwards@yortonfarm.co.uk) his mobile number is +447590 691280
- Avoid any further contact with people and return home immediately and self-isolate.

Children under the age of 16 should not attend the event.

### 3.0 Closed site requirements

As it stands, access will be limited to key personnel and there will be no access for members of the public.

This will be reviewed before and after each sale and we anticipate there will be an increase in the number of attendees as soon as it is appropriate to do so.

### 3.1 Authorised Access Only

Only authorised people are allowed into Yorton Stud and this will be strictly adhered to.

In addition to Yorton Stud Staff, Goffs UK Permanent & Contract Staff, people authorised to enter Yorton Stud will include:

- ✓ Medical personnel (First Aid etc.)
- ✓ Veterinary Surgeons & their assistants
- ✓ Farriers
- ✓ Grooms
- ✓ Purchasers
- ✓ Bloodstock agents
- ✓ Shipping agents
- ✓ Commercial horsebox drivers
- ✓ Accredited Photographers
- ✓ Accredited Press
- ✓ Caterers

An authorised person will have notified Goffs UK/Yorton Stud of their need to attend the sale and their attendance has been approved by Yorton Stud or Goffs UK.

We will reserve the right to restrict entry if the numbers of authorised people per group or company is found to be excessive.

We will require all attendees to complete a Medical Questionnaire before the sale. This must be completed online at [www.goffsuk.com](http://www.goffsuk.com) by 5pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

Unless you have been contacted otherwise, arrangements should be made by you to attend the sale, noting an on-site temperature check will comprise the second part of the authorised access process.

## 3.2 Entry Requirements

All visitors are required to complete the medical questionnaire as outlined in 3.1.

- On arrival at Yorton Stud access for both vehicles, horseboxes and pedestrians on foot will be All arrivals will need to follow the appropriate signs to the checking station.
- The temperature of each person will be taken, with the temperature recorded. If the temperature is 37.8 or above, the individual will be denied entry and asked to leave the premises. **If there are other individuals within the vehicle or horse box, they will also be denied entry to Yorton Stud.**
- Individuals are advised to travel to site in their own vehicles.
- Please take note that there may be a delay in gaining access due to the above screening process taking place. Please therefore allow sufficient time on arrival for this process to be undertaken.

## 3.3 Summary of Requirements

For those wishing to attend the Goffs UK Yorton Sale please remember:

- ✓ ***Complete and submit registration for all attendees including completion of medical questionnaire by 5pm on the 8 September 2020.***
- ✓ ***On arrival to Yorton Stud ensure you have photo ID with you.***
- ✓ ***Compliance with temperature check procedure on each day attending the sale***

## 4 General points

The following points are applicable to the Yorton Sale.

### 4.1 Car Parks

Drivers must park their vehicles in the designated car park. Strict Social distancing guidelines must be observed when parking.

## 4.2 Cleaning

An enhanced and specific cleaning program will be undertaken during the day which will focus on the increased cleaning of all common touch points including door handles, handrails, toilet cubicles, sinks and taps etc.

## 4.3 Limitations to numbers within buildings

The number of people in the following buildings/areas will be limited to the following to ensure that social distancing guidelines are being adhered to:

Area	Permitted Visitors	Yorton/ Goffs UK Staff
Marquee	30	3
Bar	20	2
Back Curve	20	2
Sales Ring	65	5
Rostrum	0	3

## 4.4 Limit to number of lots in the Parade Ring

The number of lots will be limited to 1 at any one time.

## 4.5 One-Way Systems

We will operate a one-way system in:

- ❖ Yards
- ❖ Sales Ring

The routes will be clearly marked accordingly.



#### 4.6 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Face Masks must always be worn indoors and outdoors where social distance cannot be maintained
- Hand sanitiser will be provided on entry and exit to the sale ring, sales office, toilets, stables
- Hand sanitiser and hand washing stations will be situated strategically around Yorton Stud for general use by all staff and visitors
- Additional PPE, which is required, will be distributed to all permanent and temporary staff working on behalf of Goffs UK or Yorton Stud.
- When social distancing cannot be observed, face covering should be used as a precautionary measure.
- While we expect all Non-Yorton Stud/Goffs UK staff to provide their own their own PPE equipment, we will have a small supply in any event.

#### 4.7 Signage

Signs around the Yorton Stud will instruct people to:

- Always wear a face mask indoors and outdoors (where social distance cannot be maintained)
- No Food or Drinks allowed in the Sales Pavilion.
- Observe Social Distancing.
- Wash hands regularly with soap and water or use hand sanitiser.
- Remind people of the symptoms of COVID-19.

#### 4.8 Site Biosecurity

Hand sanitisers and hand washing stations will be placed strategically around the site to encourage people to regularly wash their hands, with approximate locations as shown in plan in Appendix 1.

Notices will be placed around the Yorton Stud to encourage people to regularly wash their hands.

Where suitable, doors will be propped open to minimise cross-contamination.

Any buildings or offices that may not be in use during the sale will remain locked (assuming they are not a Fire exit)

## 5. Personnel using the site

### 5.1 Bid board operators

- Gloves will be issued to each bid board operator for use on the bid board.
- Antiseptic wipes will be provided to wipe down the board between Operators.
- One operator at the bid board at any time, with social distancing to be maintained during changeover.

### 5.2 Casual Staff

Yorton Stud will provide PPE equipment to individuals as required. Mucking out equipment will be issued to everyone employed by Yorton Stud, and the individual will continue to use this equipment for the duration of the Sale. If equipment needs to be shared it will need to be cleaned and wiped down between users.

### 5.3 Caterers

Each caterer will ensure their staff wear appropriate PPE. Outdoor food vans will be in use with appropriate signage regarding social distance guidance.

### 5.4 Blood Sampling Stewards

PPE equipment will be provided to individuals as required. Social distancing and other government guidelines are to be maintained consistently.

### 5.5 Farriers

Uppington Smithy is the Yorton Stud official Farrier and should provide his own PPE and to act within their own protocols when working. It is recommended that both grooms and farriers wear a face covering during shoeing.

### 4.2 Grooms

Grooms are required to stay within the area of their allocated stables and refrain from contact with others unless necessary.

Grooms should self-monitor social distancing within their area and whilst showing horses to potential purchasers.

Grooms are always required to wear face masks, when showing horses and when leading them in the parade ring.

### 4.3 Medical Provision via the First Aid Room

Medical staff are on site during for First Aid each day between 8am to 5pm (or end of sale)  
Temperature Checks will be in place from 7.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on 10 September.

Prior to admission within the First Aid Room the temperature will be taken of those requiring medical assistance. Should a high temperature be recorded (i.e. greater than 37.8 degrees Celsius) the individual will be asked to immediately leave Yorton Stud. They must give all their details to the COVID19 officer or First Aid rep before they leave. This should include details of people that they may have been in close contact with that day. Appropriate PPE will be provided to the First Aider including face mask.

### 4.4 On-line Bidding Operators

Online bid operators will be based on the Rostrum in the Sales Ring. They will have appropriate PPE equipment supplied by Goffs UK.

### 4.5 Rostrum

There will be no more than four people at any time within the Rostrum area. This will include the Auctioneer, the Auctioneers Clerk, the online bidding operator and bid board operator.

### 4.6 Spotters and Docket Runners

Due to the requirement of a purchaser to sign sales documentation upon purchasing a lot, docket runners and spotters will be issued with appropriate PPE equipment to allow them to complete their role.

### 4.7 Yorton Stud and Goffs UK Staff

Yorton Stud and Goffs UK will provide PPE equipment to individuals as required. All staff to contact Isobelle Lewis if additional PPE equipment is required.

#### 4.8 Vendors and Purchasers including Agents

Vendors are responsible for maintaining social distancing within their areas of the stables.

Purchasers including agents are responsible for maintaining social distancing within the stables while looking at horses.

All to provide their own PPE for their staff.

It is recommended that the handler's permission is sought before stepping in close to inspect a lot and in the event of high interest in a lot, a queuing system must be implemented and supervised.

The use of face coverings is mandatory.

#### 4.9 Vets

Vets must operate in accordance with their own protocols. Goffs UK will provide PPE to the Veterinary Panel. It is recommended that the handler's permission is sought before stepping in close to inspect a lot.

In such circumstances a face covering is recommended as a precautionary measure.

## 6. Specific Buildings and Protocols in Yorton Stud

### 6.1 Car Parking

Upon entry to Yorton Stud cars will need to park in designated area. All are required to follow the signage to the check point where photo ID and temperature checks will be taken as per section 3.

A drop off point will be clearly marked to allow deliveries to be made for personnel on site. The person dropping off will be required to stay in their car and contact the person collecting directly to advise them they are on site.

## 6.2 First Aid

In addition to the medic, only one person will be allowed in the First Aid room at a time.

On arrival to the First Aid Room the patient will need to knock on the door and wait outside.

The medic will exit the room and take the temperature of the patient as a precautionary measure. If the client has a raised temperature, they will be asked to leave the premises immediately.

If the medic is required to examine a casualty away from the First Aid Room, full PPE equipment incl. face mask will be worn by the medic.

An isolation room will be provided for any suspected COVID-19 cases.

## 6.3 Horse Box Entrance and Loading Ramps

When transporters arrive at the Horse Box Entrance Gate, they should be aware that the procedure as stated in section 3.2 will be strictly adhered to.

It should be emphasised that if an individual on the horsebox is denied entry due to a temperature exceeding 37.8, all other individuals will also be denied entry and asked not to disembark.

## 6.4 Cafes & Bars

There will be limited, socially distanced tables and chairs. Drinks may be purchased from the bar for guests to take to a table.

### *Outdoor Food Van*

Outdoor Food Vans will be in use with appropriate signage regarding social distance guidance. Contactless payments are preferred in all eating/beverage establishments.

## 6.5 Sales ring and bidding area

The Sales ring will be marked out with Socially distanced standing areas.

The building occupancy will be strictly limited to 65.

Once capacity has been reached within the sales pavilion it will be a one in, one out system.

A maximum of three Goffs UK personnel to be allowed on the rostrum.

No food or drink is permitted in the Sales pavilion.

Face masks must always be worn.

## 6.6 Stables

Hand sanitiser stations will be placed strategically within all areas. Signage around all stable areas to remind people to follow government guidelines regarding their social distancing obligations. One-way systems with the stable areas were considered but for practical and Health & Safety reasons these were discarded.

No unauthorized personnel are permitted within the stable area. One-way systems in operation within the stable area.

## 6.7 Subcontractors

Any subcontractors will need to provide confirmation to Yorton Stud that the appropriate risk assessments have been undertaken and action taken accordingly.

The screening process as outlined above will need to be complied with for all subcontractors.

## 6.8 WCs

Existing WCs will remain open but with reduced cubicles per location. Hand dryers will not be in use, with disposable hand towels only.

The WC's to be regularly cleaned including door handles, locks, cistern flushes and surfaces.

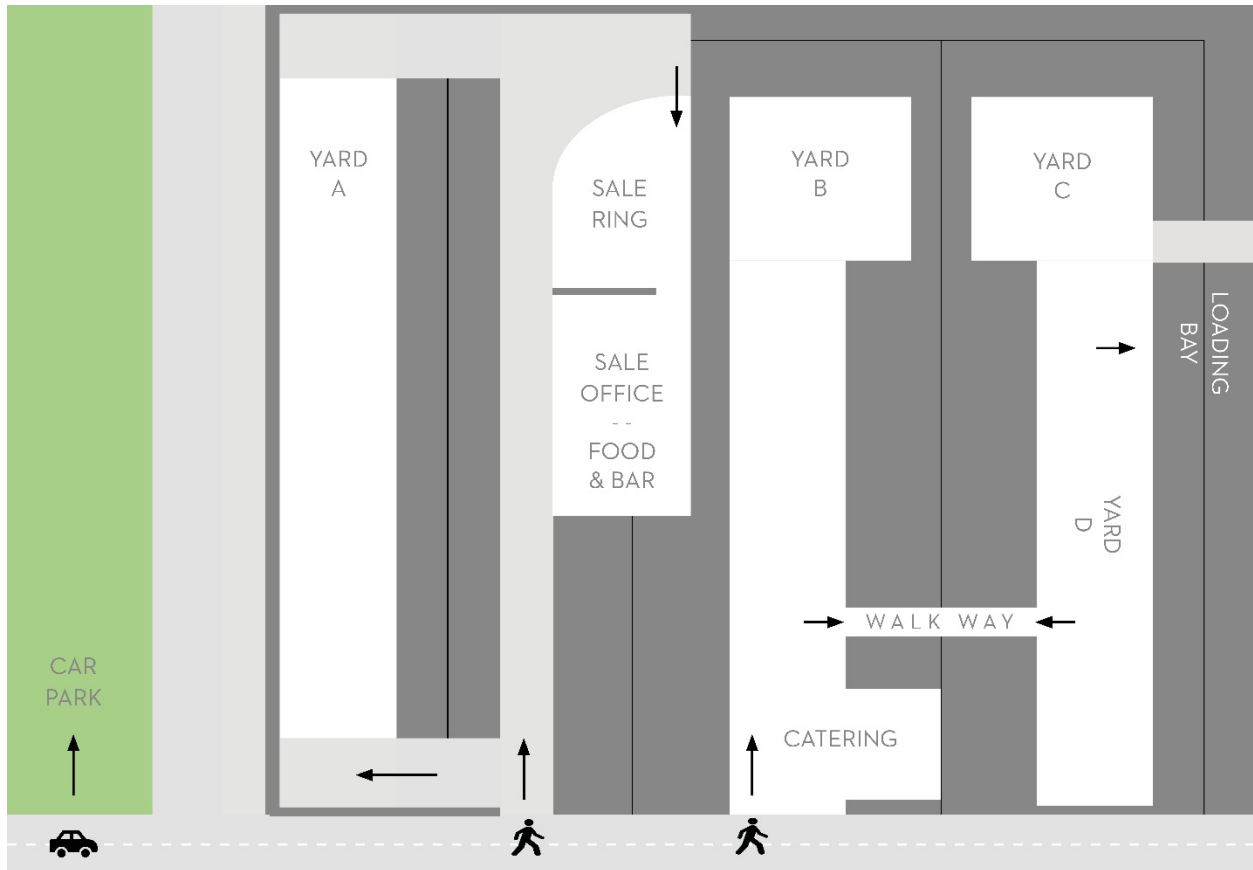
Wipes will be provided to enable users to clean handles, locks, cistern flushes and surfaces before and after use.

## 7 Plans

Plan of Yorton Stud identifying hand washing and WC facilities are attached, also plans highlighting individual buildings in which one-way systems are in place

### Appendix 1 – One Way System Flows

#### a) Yorton Farm



## Appendix 2 – Sanitising Locations

### a) Yorton Farm

