

YOUTH CHAMPS .

Regulations for moving horses and ponies into the controlled area of the Western Cape

Mistico (the venue for 2021 Youth Champs) is in the AHS **Surveillance Zone** but it is part of the AHS Controlled Area of the Western Cape , so riders and horses coming in from anywhere but the Controlled Area will need to apply for permits to enter. These applications must be sent to move@myhorse.org.za SEVEN days before movement and must be accompanied by copies of the passport ID pages and AHS pages. I've attached the form (movement INTO) for you.

For the last 5 years there has been no problem with issuing permits for horses travelling directly into the controlled area in December.

Yes, you will have to make sure your AHS vacs are up-to-date and not done within 40 days of travel- for more information about travel, quarantine and documentation, please email move@myhorse.org.za

Quarantine is ONLY necessary when the State Vet considers the risk of movement into the WC is too risky because of an outbreak in a particular area- This has NOT HAPPENED IN DECEMBER in the last 5 years

I've also attached maps of the Infected Zone and the Controlled Area for all of you.

As per WC riders travelling to Gauteng or KZN, the cost of movement certificates etc is for the owners account, and always has been.

The information below was received from **Dr John Grewar who is a Specialist in Veterinary Epidemiology at SAEHP, who are responsible for issuing movement permits.**

“We have registered individual cases of AHS (in Gauteng) individually since the 2017 AHS season. Since then, during the months leading up to and including December, the number of individual cases logged in Gauteng has been:

Year	Month	Cases
2017	Dec	1
2018	Dec	1
2019	Oct	1
2019	Dec	1
2020	Oct	1
2020	Nov	1

It is normally very unlikely that a whole province is prevented from moving based on individual cases in the beginning of an AHS season (as in Oct through December) and in these cases it's likely that only a 30 km radius around these cases was locked down for quarantine based movements.

I hope this assists. **December is considered fairly early in the AHS season and most cases occur in later summer and Autumn.** Of course this can change from year to year so there is some uncertainty from year to year and the same for predicting to the end of 2021”

So please, the rest of the country, remember that WC riders having to go out of WC for Champs etc every year have to do this whole rigmarole EVERY TIME, and it is only fair that once in a blue moon, the onus is the rest of the country.