



COVID-19 Guidance on Equine Imports

DO NOT travel if you have symptoms of COVID-19.

Always check the most up to date COVID-19 guidance [here](#).

How can I transport my horse to Guernsey?

Horses/ponies can be transported on Condor Ferries – please contact [Condor](#) directly regarding this and they will provide you with details of their handover procedure.

The following information is for the importation of equine animals (horses and ponies) on commercial transport methods (Condor Ferries) from the **United Kingdom (UK), France and Crown Dependencies (CD's)**.

We advise that you also read the [non-COVID related equine travel information](#).

Welfare in transport

- Travel time must be kept to a minimum to protect the welfare of animals being transported – if there is poor weather, it is advised that travel is postponed.
- Transporters should ensure that horses/ponies are transported in an acceptable vehicle/trailer – see guidance [here](#).

What do I need to do before my horse/pony arrives?

- **If you are travelling to the island with your horse/pony and it will be situated at a different location to your property e.g. livery yard, stable; you must organise for someone else to care for the horse/pony while you self-isolate.**
- Necessary documentation must be completed and accompany animals during transportation. These should be placed inside a plastic wallet that can be disinfected.
- Purchase some disposable gloves, a mask and hand sanitiser for use during the handover.
- Purchase some disinfectant wipes/detergent to clean the surfaces that your horse/pony has come into contact with before bathing.
- Purchase some animal-friendly shampoo to bath your horse/pony on arrival.
- Make a Care Plan in the event that you cannot care for your horse/pony for a period of time. You should have:
 - A plan for who might be able to care for your horse/pony in the event of emergency;
 - Written details as to the care, feeding and medical history of your horse/pony;
 - Your vet's contact details.



Equine handover procedure:

The following information is for individuals who are not travelling with their horse/pony and therefore collect the horse/pony upon arrival in Guernsey.

1. Ensure that all parties involved in the equine transportation are aware of the date and time of arrival and the handover procedure.
2. Owners should be ready to collect their horse/pony as soon as they land.
3. Please contact [Condor](#) directly regarding this and they will provide you with details of the handover procedure and location for handover.
4. All parties involved in the handover should be wearing a mask and disposable gloves to minimise risk of infection and hands should be thoroughly disinfected with hand sanitiser/washed with soap and water before and after removal of gloves.
5. **Contact with your horse/pony must be kept to a minimum until it has been thoroughly bathed at its final destination.**
6. The horse transporter **MUST NOT** leave their vehicle upon arrival in Guernsey. If this is not possible, the individual should remain socially distanced at all times, wear a mask and avoid touching the horse unnecessarily.
7. High risk surfaces, such as door handles, should be cleaned and disinfected.
8. The owner should lead the horse/pony out of the transporters vehicle using their own halter and lead rope and transfer it to their own vehicle/trailer.
9. **No equipment** belonging to the transporter should be given to the owner unless it can be appropriately cleaned and disinfected.
10. The transporter can then return immediately to the boat for travel back to their place of origin. If there are any problems with departure, the transporter must self-isolate in Guernsey for 14 days. Further information on self-isolation can be found [here](#).

Once you have collected your horse/pony from the harbour, transport it directly to its final destination. Here you must bath your horse/pony to reduce the likelihood that the virus is on its coat. Please see the [COVID-19 Guidance on Bathing Pets & Livestock](#).

What to do if you are travelling with your horse/pony

- Upon arrival in Guernsey, you must transport your horse immediately to its final destination and not stop off anywhere along the way. It is advised that you bath your horse/pony to reduce the likelihood that the virus is on its coat. Please see the [COVID-19 Guidance on Bathing Pets & Livestock](#).
- If your horse stays in a shared livery/stable, you must contact the livery/stable in advance and ensure that nobody is present when you intend to drop off the horse/pony.
 - Face masks must be worn at all times and hands must be regularly sanitised/washed.
 - After transporting your horse/pony to its final destination, immediately travel home for isolation and clean the vehicle/trailer.



- The individual that will be caring for your horse/pony should bath your horse/pony before interacting with it. Please see the [COVID-19 Guidance on Bathing Pets & Livestock](#).
- Further information on self-isolation can be found [here](#).