

1. During this COVID pandemic races have been cancelled, postponed and/or rescheduled. Can you talk about the challenges that come with training an individual horse for what has often become a moving target? **I have backed off some of the horses that I felt could use a couple weeks off. For example, Authentic. Two weeks off made a huge change with him. He added weight, looks great and has improved mentally too. He looks fantastic and is back in full training now. Should be ready to run in a stakes race in June—hopefully we'll have one to run in!**
2. April is for Spring Showers and Two Year Old Racing—not so much this April. How has the new racing schedule changed the way you are preparing your two year olds for racing? **My two year olds are just starting to come in from farms. I try to have them ready by August. Nothing has really changed.**
3. What sorts of precautions are you taking in your own barn to prevent the introduction or spread of the Corona Virus among your employees? **Everyone wears a mask and gloves and has their temperature taken. They are scared of the virus so they are very cautious.**
4. In some racing locals jockeys are not currently allowed on the backside for morning work. Has this had an impact on your training and preparation? **Fortunately, I have two really good work riders. It's probably affected the jockeys more because they can't get on a horse. That's the reason I am not using Draydan Van Dyke at Oaklawn this week. Martin Garcia is filling in for him.**
5. Some racetracks are allowing horses to ship in for a race but are not allowing human connections to ship with them. Have you had to set up satellite operations at all of the tracks you're shipping to? Or have you been able to ship horses into another trainer's barn and have their personnel care for them? **I was lucky and shipped Jimmy Barnes and a groom before the shut down. Wayne Lukas has been kind enough to let us stable in his barn and use his exercise riders, grooms and hot walkers.**
6. Have you considered establishing a base or a more permanent satellite string in Kentucky? **We are planning on having a strong group of horses stabled at Churchill Downs as soon as they start running.**