

General Biosecurity for Horse Shows

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PREVENTION IS KEY!

- Communicate expectations
- Ask competitors to monitor health BEFORE arrival
- Clean facility before move-in
- Post Vet / Clinic information
- Have a plan - List a Coordinator
- Provide sanitizer & disinfectants
- Provide adequate garbage containers



REQUEST HEALTH RECORDS

- Collect health records
 - Vaccines (Rabies; Tetanus/EEE/WEE; Flu/Rhino; WNV & EHV)
 - Negative EIA (Coggins)
 - Health Certificates
- Parasite management (deworming)
- Keep records of horses on-site
- Check EDCC for local issues



NO CROSS CONTAMINATION

- Educate about cross-contamination
- Minimise contact between horses
- NO SHARING: buckets, water hoses, towels, pitchforks between different horse groups
- Handlers / Grooms wash hands often
- Manage insects
 - Keep stabling clean
 - Remove / distance manure piles



OUTBREAK RESPONSE

- Have a written plan!
- Have a Vet / Clinic on call
- Isolate any suspected horses immediately
- To prevent spread - do not allow horses to leave
- Disinfect after handling
- Provide PPE: gloves, etc.
- Use separate barn tools