

Hello Testing Vet,

In light of the recent cases of EHV-1 in California we wanted to pass along some information and provide a reminder on our biosecurity measures. Depending on where you are scheduled to test it is possible there will be some disruption in your testing plans. Our office will be in touch if this is the case.

Regardless of where in the country you are testing, please take a moment to review the following protocols with your test teams:

- **Gloves are to be worn during all sample collections. Wear a new set of powder free latex or vinyl gloves for each horse.**
 - When collecting a urine sample, gloves should be donned before breaking the seal on the A urine container and remain on until the lids have been secured on all collected and split urine samples. Once the lids have been secured on the containers, gloves may be removed for the remainder of the sealing procedure.
 - When collecting a blood sample, gloves are to be worn during all sample collections. Wear a new set of powder free latex or vinyl gloves for each horse. Gloves should be donned before breaking the seal on the needle and remain on until the caps have been secured on all three blood tubes. Once the caps have been placed on the tubes, gloves may be removed for the remainder of the sealing procedure.
- **Unnecessary, ungloved contact with horses is to be avoided.**
 - In all testing circumstances but especially in areas with an existing or recent outbreak of EHV it is in the best interest of biosecurity to refrain from unnecessary, ungloved contact with the horses we test or see on show grounds. Since the testing teams are moving from barn to barn and stall to stall their potential to spread infectious disease is heightened and any controls we can put in place to diminish the possibility of cross contamination should be taken.
 - We strongly discourage any petting, nuzzling, or direct contact with the horses.
- **Refrain from setting equipment on the ground in a horse's stall.**
 - Keep testing equipment such as bags, clipboards, urine collection sticks, etc. on your person and especially off the ground in the stalls.
- **Disinfect hands thoroughly between horses.**
- **Additional information from the Equine Disease Communication Center (EDCC) can be found here:**
<https://www.equinediseasecc.org/>
- **Further biosecurity measures can be found in our Biosecurity Pamphlet here:**
<https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/KR7Md0c5tCw/biosecurity-measures-for-horses-at-home>

Please refrain from answering any questions related to the outbreak or biosecurity measures and refer them to our office (1-800-633-2472) and let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,



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