



Biosecurity Protocols for the Competition Organizer

1. All horse show contact & location details must be posted on the door of the horse show office, and any other pertinent locations. The following information is required:

- **Horse Show Veterinarian:** Include name of vet and clinic, and both regular and after-hours phone number. If the vet who is on-call outside of competition hours is different from the Horse Show Vet, their contact details must also be included.
- **Horse Show Office Staff:** Include name, title and phone number for contacts during office hours, and after-hours emergency numbers.
- **Steward:** The steward(s) must provide an after-hours phone number to the competition organizer. Posting of the steward(s) number is at the discretion of the steward. Competition organizers may not post the number without permission from the steward.
- **Competition Grounds Address:** The address and emergency/911 address (if different) of the competition grounds must be posted for emergency purposes, indicating which entrance to the grounds and stabling access should be used by emergency personnel.
- **Security Personnel:** If the competition has security personnel on site, their contact number should be posted.

2. The following Biosecurity Procedures must be performed in the Stabling Area before horses arrive:

- Install hand sanitizers at the entrance and exit to each aisle of the stabling. Ideally, they should be fixed to the wall, or tied to the wall with bailer twine (or any other suitable option).
- Post signage, clearly labelled “Biosecurity Procedures for the General Public” that advise everyone in the stabling area to use hand sanitizers when entering or exiting the stabling area, and to prevent nose-to-nose contact between horses at all times. Optional: state that these measures have been put into place to avoid the possibility of spreading any infectious disease.
- Ensure stalls are cleaned of all manure and bedding and disinfected prior to any horse entering the grounds.

3. Competition organizers must provide the following materials and information to competitors:

- The *Biosecurity Requirements for All Competitors* document is to be distributed to all entries (as a hard copy, or by providing a link to an online version) before they pick up their numbers.
- Stall labels with space provided for the horse’s name and 24-hour emergency contact details



are to be provided for each horse in the stabling area and must be placed on the horse's stall door.

- The Horse Temperature Chart document is to be provided for each horse. Horse temperatures are to be taken twice per day and recorded on the chart. The chart may be placed on the horse's stall door or kept in a tack room or tack box. The chart must be available for review by the EC steward(s) upon request for any horse competing under EC rules. The chart must also be available for review by the horse show veterinarian upon request for any horse, regardless if it is competing under EC rules.*
 - **Any temperature found to be above 38.9°C in a quiet, resting horse is to be reported to the horse show veterinarian.** The veterinarian is to work with the competition organizer to implement any procedure(s) deemed of importance to biosecurity. The steward(s) are to provide assistance to support procedures when necessary.
- A recommended procedure is to request that competitors provide information related to the facility of origin and the facility of destination for each horse on the competition grounds. In the unlikely case that there is an infectious disease event, this helps track and contain the disease.

**Due to the outbreak of EHM (Equine Herpes Myeloencephalopathy) in Manitoba, it is recommended that competitors be proactive by posting the temperature sheet on the horse's stall door so that it can be easily accessed and monitored.*