

EVENT BIOSECURITY PLAN TEMPLATE/CHECKLIST

NAME OF THE EVENT	
ADDRESS OF THE VENUE	
DATES OF FIRST ARRIVALS AND LAST DEPARTURES	FROM / / TO / /
EVENT ORGANISER & PHONE NUMBER	
EVENT BIOSECURITY MANAGER	

EMERGENCY CONTACT LIST

ORGANISATION	PHONE NUMBER	ALTERNATIVE NUMBER	COMMENT
Emergency Disease Watch Hotline	1800 675 888		
Biosecurity Queensland	13 25 23		
Event Biosecurity Manager			
Second in Charge			
Event Veterinarian			
Local Veterinarian 1			
Local Veterinarian 2			
Body Disposal company			
Bio Hazard Disposal – local council			
Venue Owner/ Manager			
Neighbours with Horses			
Local Police			

CHECKLIST -EQUIPMENT TO HAVE ON SITE (Items in red should be in you Biosecurity Equipment Box)

- Adequate hand sanitiser (antiseptic gel, wipes or soap)
- Personal protective equipment (gloves, overalls, boots, P2 masks, safety glasses). Ensure staff/volunteers are trained in the use of PPE.
- Decontamination equipment (buckets, spray bottles, scrubbing brush foot bath – kitty litter tray works well, disinfectant)
- Paper hand towels
- Heavy duty garbage bags
- Biohazard waste bags
- Large tarpaulin
- Hazard tape
- Star pickets or panel fencing
- Rolls of hessian for isolation area
- Microchip scanner or access to scanner
- Public address system
- Human first aid kit

1. PREVENTION OF INTRODUCTION OF DISEASE ONTO GROUNDS

A. BIO-SECURITY RULES

All Horses/Livestock entering grounds must be from a property actively practising good Biosecurity principles within their management.

- No Horses with signs of illness are to be brought on the grounds.
- A Horse Health Declaration will accompany all horses entering the grounds.
- Entry will be refused until the declaration is handed to officials at point of entry.
- There is one entry point and one exit.
- A Venue/Site Map will accompany Plan
- Events incorporating other livestock eg cattle, should complete a Biosecurity Plan for that species as well.

B. EVENT BIOSECURITY MANAGER

_____ :- Ph. _____

Contact this person if there is a problem with horse health

- This person is in charge should a Biosecurity Risk arise, and will keep a record of people & horses leaving the grounds if they have been directed not to.

C. RECORD KEEPING

- The Horse Health Declaration will be kept by the Event Biosecurity Manager for Traceability for 6 months

D. P.I.C

- The P.I.C Number of Horses origin must be on the Horse Health Declaration

2. PREVENTION OF SPREAD OF DISEASE ON GROUNDS

A. PEOPLE

- People should minimise (as much as practical) contact with horses; **in particular other people's horses.**
- Horse carers should restrict public access to their horses as much as practical.
- Disinfectant will be made available at a prescribed area; near the toilet shower/horse wash area. Horse handlers are urged to use disinfectant when washing hands on a regular basis.
- A **PPE KIT** with mask, gloves, overalls & goggles will be held on grounds.

B. HORSES

- No communal water troughs will be supplied
- If horses are not returning to the Property (P.I.C stated on Horse Health Declaration), Horse handlers will report this to the person in charge.
- Minimise contact with other horses (as much as practical) on the grounds and don't share water or feed buckets.

3. MINIMISING THE EFFECT & SPREAD OF A DISEASE INCIDENT WITHIN THE GROUNDS

A. VET

- A Designated Vet/Isolation Yard will be supplied
- A Vet will be on the grounds at all time or on call
- A Disposal area to bury or burn deceased horses will be organised prior to event

4. SITE MAP ATTACHED

Attached site map should include:

- Entry and Exit Point
- Isolation area
- Stabling
- Public Access
- Public parking
- Participants parking
- Designated exercise/warm up area
- Manure disposal area
- Location of disinfectant
- Location of PPE Kit

5. Horse Health Declaration

- a. As provided by your Event Organising Committee

BIOSECURITY CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR SUSPECT BIOSECURITY RISK

Veterinarian to perform initial clinical exam on suspect case (low – high risk)

(using Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) – located in Vet area)

Veterinarian to inform Event Biosecurity Manager and notify Biosecurity Queensland (a service of DEEDI) of suspect case

Biosecurity Queensland **132 523** (8 am – 6 pm) or Animal Disease Emergency Hotline **1800 675 888**

Veterinarian to relocate and secure horse to designated ISOLATION AREA (see below) utilizing PPE, which is located in biosecurity kits situated in Isolation area. Immediate steps are to be taken to reduce risk of exposure to yourself and others (PPE), promote personal hygiene and appropriate decontamination.

Event Biosecurity Manager in consultation with veterinarian to identify at-risk horses (horses that were transported together with suspect horse, housed together for 6 days with suspect horse prior to transport, or stabled adjacent to suspect horse at the event). These horses are to be isolated from other horses in isolation stables. At risk horses to return to owner's property and be isolated from other animals pending sample results from suspect case.

Veterinarian to allocate exit/entry to isolation area and set up decontamination zone.

Event Biosecurity Manager with veterinarian to decide whether event proceeds and enforce designated isolation protocol.

(Decision made on a case by case).

In consultation with Biosecurity Queensland, the horse is returned to the owners property or remains in isolation on site or is referred to an appropriate Equine Clinic for further isolation and treatment. Sampling of the suspect horse to be performed at the discretion of the official veterinarian with the equipment supplied in the biosecurity box (1 x EDTA blood tube, 1x plain blood tube, 1 x 10ml Lith/hep tube, 1 x oral swab, 1 x nasal swab, 1 x rectal swab, +/- urine swab). Event Biosecurity Manager need to be aware of the local Bio-hazard storage and disposal procedures. Contact local government authorities for guidelines.

Sample submission forms located within the biosecurity kit folder. Phone lab ahead of sample submission and notify Laboratory Liaison Officer **(07) 3276 6062** (9 am – 5 pm week days).

Dispatch samples via courier or other to **Biosecurity Sciences Laboratory (BSL), Health and Food Sciences Precinct, Specimen receipt (Loading Block 12) 39 Kessels Road, Coopers Plains, Qld 4108.**

Clearly write – **Hendra Virus Exclusion, Urgent Priority** on specimen advice sheet (SAS).

Event Biosecurity Manager to notify owners of negative result.

Event Biosecurity Manager to notify owners of positive result. Case becomes managed by Biosecurity Queensland.