



## What to do if your horse is sick

### Checklist

- Move any sick horse into a clean and disinfected stall, as far away from the other horses as possible
- If no exterior stall is present, or isolated stall space is available, put tarps up around the stall of the sick horse so that other horses cannot make direct contact with it; - note this will not prevent spread of disease agents that move through the air
- Prepare an area for medication, water buckets and feed containers that are kept away from other equipment (tip: label with red tape)
- DO NOT allow the sick horse to have physical contact with other horses
- Use dedicated equipment for the sick horse, and to clean it's stall. Manure must be removed using specifically designated and labelled equipment
- Put up a sign to notify everyone about the isolated horse and it's location, and post biosecurity protocols in the area
- Do not allow unnecessary visitors to have contact with the sick horse
- All staff must wear protective clothing, or keep special designated clothing in the isolation area for when dealing with the sick horse
- Work with the sick horse last each day and wash your hands before and after
- If the horse is getting turn out, make a small fenced or separate area where this horse cannot touch others
- Once horse has recovered, disinfect all equipment, halters, lead ropes, pails, feed dishes, stall and manure removal equipment



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