



Dear Equine Enthusiast,

**ALERT!** For Ontario:  
[Neurotropic Equine Herpes Virus -1 Found in Wellington County, Ontario](#)**EQUINE HERPES VIRUS (EHV-1)****EHV-1 is a viral infection which can cause:**

- Respiratory disease
- Abortion
- Death in newborn foals
- Neurological form of herpes

**Care should include:**

- Horses suspected to be actively shedding virus should be examined by a vet
- Infected and exposed horses should be isolated immediately
- Discuss [vaccination plan](#) with your vet (often particularly important for broodmares)
- Check for fever. It is one of the most consistent clinical signs, and commonly precedes the development of other clinical signs.

**Prevention Tips**

1. Isolate affected or exposed horses but don't move from farm
2. Isolate new horses for minimum two weeks
3. Horses can carry EHV-1 virus for life and can become contagious if stressed (i.e. strenuous exercise or transport)
4. A healthy horse can spread the virus
5. Virus is spread by direct horse-to-horse contact through nasal secretions and it can also spread through contact with contaminated tack and equipment



Please note: This information provides guidelines only and should never replace information from your veterinarian.

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1. Calculate your risk with Equine Guelph's FREE health care tool: [Equine Biosecurity Risk Calculator](#).
2. Sign up for Equine Guelph's next two week online [Biosecurity eWorkshop](#), Oct 21 - Nov 3, 2013
3. Download [10 helpful biosecurity tips poster](#) from Equine Guelph.
4. Check out Equine Guelph's [Report on Research video](#) featuring Dr. Scott Weese discussing ways to help reduce the spread of infectious disease in your barn



Dr. Scott Weese - Biosecurity for Horse Farms - Report on Research

**More videos on biosecurity:**

- [How to use quarantine to protect horses](#)
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