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
- Disease suspicion plus 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. Virus is spread by direct horse-to-horse contact through nasal secretions and it can also spread through contact with contaminated tack and equipment
5. A healthy horse can spread the virus

More videos on biosecurity:
- How to use quarantine to protect horses
- Protecting horses taken off the farm
- Why have an infection control plan?
- How important is vaccination?

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

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