

# Health Requirements for Horses Arriving or Housed at the CSU Equine Teaching and Research Center

**The goal of the protocol listed below is to minimize the risk of clinical disease spread at the CSU Equine Teaching and Research Center and sustain a healthy environment for all equestrian events.**

## **Equestrian events:**

- All horses arriving for events including those sponsored by the Equine Sciences program or affiliated CSU Clubs must be healthy and comply with all regulations that govern the transport of horses in the State of Colorado as stipulated by the Colorado Animal Health Division and the Brand Inspection Division of the Department of Agriculture. Horses traveling from other states must have current health and Coggins (EIA) certificates and are subject to inspection by appropriate state officials. Horses housed in Colorado and traveling 75 miles or more must have current Brand Inspection documentation. All horses arriving for events must provide a copy of a current (annual) negative **Coggins (EIA) certificate** to show or event management.
- All horses should arrive displaying no signs of clinical disease such as elevated body temperature, copious nasal discharge, persistent frequent coughing, diarrhea, clinical evidence of Vesicular Stomatitis or any neurological signs such as ataxia or marked hind limb weakness (wobbly gait). Any horse or horses displaying signs of clinical disease will be removed from the premises and taken to an appropriate isolation facility immediately.
- It is highly recommended that horses competing in public events at the Pickett Equine Center or other facilities receive *Equine Influenza* and *Equine Herpesvirus (Rhinopneumonitis)* vaccination every six months. In addition, *Strangles* (*Streptococcus equi*) vaccinations should be administered minimally once a year unless advised otherwise by the attending veterinarian due to risk of purpura if the horse has had a previously known Strangles infection. All clinical diseases listed above can be easily spread at equestrian events by direct and/or environmental contamination.

## **Horses arriving for club practice on a scheduled basis:**

- All horses used for student or club activities must comply with the first and second sections of the protocol listed above for Equestrian Events. Those participating must sign an agreement each semester that they have read and will comply with the health and vaccination protocol as written. A copy of an annual negative Coggins (EIA) certificate must be on file with equine sciences facility management.
- All horses used for student or club activities at the Equine Center must follow a strict vaccination protocol as listed below:
  - Annual spring vaccinations for Eastern and Western Equine Encephalomyelitis, West Nile Equine Encephalomyelitis (fall vaccination should be considered depending on regional insect vectors and disease outbreak) and Tetanus.

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- Spring and fall vaccinations for Equine Influenza and Equine herpes (EHV1 & EHV4). Combination vaccines should be considered for the groups listed above.
  - Strangles (intranasal modified live virus vaccine recommended). Can be given once or twice a year depending on disease status in area.
  - Annual vaccination for Rabies.
- **Spring and Fall Vaccination Clinics will be provided at the Pickett Equine Center**
    - Services will be provided by the Equine Field (Ambulatory) Service of the CSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital.
    - Deworming protocols should be discussed with your local or CSU Field Service veterinarians

**Owned or Leased CSU Equine Science program horses permanently housed at the Equine Center (including polo ponies):**

- All horses permanently housed at the Equine Center must follow the same strict vaccination protocol as horses routinely arriving and departing and as listed below:
  - Annual spring vaccinations for Eastern and Western Equine Encephalomyelitis, West Nile Equine Encephalomyelitis (fall vaccination should be considered depending on regional insect vectors and disease outbreak) and Tetanus
  - Spring and fall vaccinations for Equine Influenza and Equine herpes (EHV1 & EHV4). Combination vaccines should be considered for the groups listed above.
  - Strangles (intranasal modified live virus vaccine recommended). Can be given once or twice a year depending on disease status in area.
  - Annual vaccination for Rabies
  - Annual negative Coggins (EIA) certificate
- **Strict internal parasite control protocols will be followed.**
  - Horse will have scheduled fecal evaluations to determine internal parasite counts and dewormed accordingly. Dr. Hess will lead the monitoring team.
  - Any horse not being monitored will be routinely dewormed with a broad spectrum anthelmintic twice a year.

Sincerely,

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