



Be a Front Runner and Protect Your Horse

Checklist: are you doing these things to prevent sickness?

At Home:

- ☐ Vaccinate your horses—this is your first line of defence against viruses!
- ☐ Have signs to tell visitors where to go, where not to go, and to identify sick horses
- ☐ Protocols—communicate with your employees and staff— what do you do and why?
- ☐ Clean hands! Use alcohol-based sanitizers—salt block holders hold them well!
- ☐ Clean clothes and boots/footwear—have boots that stay in the barn
- ☐ Clean tack and equipment—no sharing!
- ☐ Monitor your horses—**DEPP**: **D**rinking, **E**ating, **P**ooping, **P**eeing, - Temperatures too!
- ☐ Separate sick horses from other healthy horses and monitor
- ☐ Separate new, or returning, horses and monitor
- ☐ Talk to your veterinarian, farrier and any other important staff about disease risk



At the Track:

- ☐ Clean trailers with your own broom and shovel
- ☐ Be selfish! No sharing and no touching
- ☐ Clean hands, clothes and boots!
- ☐ Clean tack, buckets and other equipment
- ☐ Clean stalls—use your own equipment and wash after use
- ☐ Disinfectant wipes for cleaning cross-ties—shorten them to prevent chewing
- ☐ Take routine temperatures to monitor for signs you can't see!
- ☐ Separate horses when returning home and monitor them—DEPP!

Interested in learning more about biosecurity? – Take the [Sickness Prevention in Horses](#) short online course at [TheHorsePortal.ca](#)