

# Disease Alert

**Disease:** Equine Herpesvirus

**Species Affected:** English sport horses

**Location:** Langley Township

**Date(s):** December 2023/January 2024

**Description:** There have been two confirmed cases of equine herpesvirus 1 (EHV-1) at a boarding/training facility. Facility managers are implementing voluntary movement restrictions as well as biosecurity measures under veterinary supervision.

**Disease information:** Equine herpesviruses are very common viruses in horse populations worldwide. EHV-1 causes respiratory disease, abortion, and neurologic disease. The virus is spread through horse-to-horse contact or through contaminated environments, clothing, or equipment.

## Recommendations:

- Make sure all horses under your care are up to date on their vaccinations.
- Monitor horses for signs of EHV-1 (particularly fever, nasal discharge, lethargy) and contact your veterinarian if illness is detected.
- Practice biosecurity when bringing horses or people onto your premises or while travelling with your horse.

## Resources:

- [Equine Disease Communication Center EHV-1 factsheet](#)
- [HCBC Biosecurity for the Equine Industry](#)
- [American Association of Equine Practitioners EHV Guidelines](#)