

Biosecurity Checklist

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Here are the tried-and-true biosecurity steps I take before shows to proactively care for my horses' health and well-being. Download this list to save it on your phone (and share it with your barn friends)!



☑ Vaccinate against the five potentially fatal core equine diseases

My veterinarian recommends [Core EQ Innovator](#)[®] to help cover these five diseases in a single injection

- Tetanus
- Eastern equine encephalomyelitis (EEE)
- West Nile virus (WNV)
- Western equine encephalomyelitis (WEE)
- Rabies

☑ Vaccinate against risk-based equine diseases

*Required vaccines for shows; my veterinarian recommends [Fluvac Innovator](#)[®] EHV-4/1

- Equine influenza (flu)*
- Strangles
- Equine herpesvirus (rhino) types 1 and 4*
- Leptospirosis
- Potomac horse fever
- Botulism

☑ Prepare for FEI and USEF competitions

Make sure to schedule an appointment with your veterinarian to get a health certificate for your horse and complete all documentation needed for the events you plan to attend within the required timeframe

- Provide proof of a negative [Coggins test](#) within the last year
- For FEI events:
 - Complete the pre-arrival self-certification form before travels
 - Ensure your horse's [FEI passport](#) is up to date
 - Check your horse's temperature twice a day, three days prior to arrival at the show (as well as during the event)
- For USEF events:
 - Check that your horse's [proof of vaccination form](#) is ready prior to travel

☑ Monitor temperature and screen for potential infection

- Take your horse's temperature upon arrival at an event, twice daily during an event and at departure
- Ask your veterinarian to run a Serum Amyloid A (SAA) stall-side test prior to leaving for the show and after getting home

SAA is a biomarker of infection and has been shown to be 30x more sensitive than a thermometer at detecting subclinical infection¹

My veterinarian uses the [Stablelab](#)[®] EQ-1 Handheld Reader

☑ Ongoing preventative steps

- Reminder to avoid sharing tack, cleaning or grooming equipment
- Ensure manure is removed and the stall is cleaned and disinfected prior to unloading your horse
- Minimize nose-to-nose contact
- Isolate your horse for two to three weeks when returning from an event and monitor for any signs of infectious disease
- Communicate with your veterinarian if your horse shows any signs of infectious disease or if other horses at the event were reported as having a fever or are otherwise sick

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1. Oertly M, Gerber V, Anhold H, et al. The accuracy of serum amyloid A in determining early inflammation in horses following long-distance transportation by air. Swiss Institute of Equine Medicine. 2019. Accessed May 13, 2024.

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