

BIOSECURITY: Checklist for Horse Farms

The concept of Biosecurity is new to horse farms, where animals could be natural vectors for diseases that contaminate and infect humans. With increased national awareness for monitoring of diseases, all horse farm owners and managers as well as operators of public riding stables need to be aware of safe practices for control over *Biosecurity*.

CHECKLIST	Yes	No	Not Applicable
1. Do you have a single, clearly marked entrance/exit?			
2. Do you keep a visitor log? Name and Contact Info?			
3. Are off-limits areas clearly marked?			
4. Do you have one area designated for parking?			
5. Do you maintain hand washing stations or an acceptable alternative?			
6. Do low risk visitors come to your barn?			
7. Do medium risk visitors come to your barn?			
8. Do high risk visitors come to your barn?			
9. Are regular visitors to your barn aware of your biosecurity policies/regulations?			
10. Are visitors allowed to eat at your barn?			
11. Do you have biosecurity protective gear available?			
12. Do you have isolation areas for new, incoming horses?			
13. Do you allow visitors to the farm to feed horses foods/treats they brought with them?			
14. Do you know where and to whom you need to report breaches of suspected biosecurity?			

Primary Source: [Tools for Promoting Biosecurity in the Vermont Equine Community](#). Published by UVM. 2004.

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