

Isolate Sick, New & Travelling Horses Checklist



Your isolation plan involves both physical structures and your management practises

- A sign is located at the entrance of the farm/barn area that identifies horses are in isolation
- Access is restricted to official visitors
- Sign in & sign out sheet for personnel
- A stall is ready that has been cleaned, disinfected & filled with fresh bedding
- A separate barn or paddock with shelter is used (best practice)
- If the end of an aisle in main barn is used (not ideal), then there needs to be several empty stalls between the isolated horse and other horses
- All equipment, tack, buckets, grooming tools, medication and other tools are labelled (i.e. with red tape) & kept in a separate area
- Isolated horse is worked with last each day & hands are washed before & after
- Separate manure pile for isolation area & is not spread until well composted
- All personnel are educated on biosecurity protocols & visitors are made aware of protocols (limit number of personal & only necessary visitors should be allowed, such as the isolated horses' owner or veterinarian)
- Disposable examination gloves, disposable shoe covers & protective clothing are available for personnel & necessary visitors
- Pets & wild animals are prevented from entering the isolation area
- New & travelling horses are isolated for 2 weeks



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