

BIOSECURITY CONTINGENCY PLAN

Name the Event the CP is written for

Date where event will be held

AEBO	Appointed Event Biosecurity Officer
HHD	Horse Health Declaration
Persons in Charge	Event Organising Committee & AEBO
OC	Organising Committee
Venue BO	Venue Biosecurity Officer

In the event that a sick horse is identified at QSEC at a gathering run by the above Club, the following plan is to be followed:

Sick Horse

- The Organising Committee (OC) and the Appointed Event Biosecurity Officer (AEBO) is to be advised of a sick horse immediately.
- AEBO or Event Organiser to contact Event Vet.
- AEBO to contact the Venue BO as soon as possible.
- Anyone interacting with the sick horses should wear appropriate PPE.
- If the sick horse is in the stables or yards it is to be kept in that stable or yard until advised by the Event Vet.
- If the horse is outside the stables and yards it should be taken immediately to the nearest isolation stables or yards taking the most direct route and minimising contact with other horses and people.
- Note: If the horse is unable to be walked to the designated area it may be taken on a sled as advised by the Event Vet. QSEC has a sled available for use if required.

Vet Attendance

- If the horse is deemed to be non-infectious it may be returned to its regular stable and will be managed by owner/ exhibitor and attending vet (at owner's expense).
- If the horse is deemed to be infectious but not a biosecurity threat the Event Vet may deem that the horse should be removed from the venue immediately

OR

- Horse is diagnosed as being a possible Biosecurity threat it is to be taken to (if it is safe to do so), or kept in, the Isolation stable with a minimum 20m perimeter to other horses or passing people
- Other horses may also be required to be isolated on the advice of the Event Vet
- Exclusion area is identified with hazard tape and pickets, and any persons within the exclusion zone i.e. vet, officials, owner, are to don PPE gear when tending to horse
- Disinfection of shoes via foot baths and strict hand hygiene to be followed
- A record or log should be established to record who has had close contact with the horse

Biosecurity Issue Identified

- AEBO in conjunction with attending vet contact Biosecurity QLD as soon as possible.

- Event Organiser to advise all present at venue to remain on site until further information is obtained. Exit points are closed by the AEBO. The AEBO does not have the legal powers necessary to quarantine or restrict movements of people. As such, any entries or exits that do occur from the venue are to be recorded on the Record of Entry & Exit (Refer Appendix 2)
- Event Organiser will take advice on whether to continue with the event after discussion with the attending vet and Biosecurity QLD and advise participants of this decision
- Horse Health Declarations for all horses on site, and venue map are made available to Biosecurity QLD
- Access to isolation area will be patrolled by AEBO and limited to essential personnel
- All horse movement to cease unless authorised by AEBO in consultation with Biosecurity QLD

Lockdown

- Biosecurity QLD will advise if a total 'lockdown' of the venue is required and the Persons in Charge (Event Organising Committee & AEBO) will advise participants of this decision
- Entry/Exit points will be locked by the AEBO. Only 1 entry/exit point is to be accessible and any entry or exit from the venue is to be recorded.
- Waste removal will be attended by the AEBO in conjunction with Venue-BO
- The Event Organiser will arrange for fodder to be available for purchase by participants
- Further shavings will be arranged by the Venue
- Biosecurity QLD will advise the AEBO and participants of any further protocols required
- The AEBO and the Venue-BO will arrange removal and disposal of deceased animals at the owner's expense

Communication Plan

Notification of all affected parties is a critical component for an effective infectious disease control plan. A clear, concise and accurate message about a situation, the measures being taken and the procedures for event participants to follow is critical to prevent the spread of disease and panic among event participants and the general horse-owning public.

All contact with the media is to be managed through QSEC. The Venue BO on being notified of the incident will initiate processes to communicate with the media.

The event communication plan has been developed and is found at Appendix 3.

Equipment Required to be available at Event PPE Kit

- Microchip scanner for Vet Inspection (Vet supplied)
- PA system (Venue Supplied or supplied by Event Organiser)
- Hand sanitiser for stations around stable areas and at gear check/marshalling areas
- First aid kit
- PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) available – disposable gloves; Paper towels; disposable overalls; Boots; safety goggles; P2 respirator; heavy duty garbage bags; Biohazard bags
- Decontamination equipment for Isolation area to include – buckets; disinfectant; spray bottles; scrubbing brushes; kitty litter trays
- Hessian
- Large tarp
- Hazard tape

Appendix 1 Contact Details

Person/Organisation	Name	Phone	Mobile
Emergency Disease Watch Hotline		1800 675 888	
Biosecurity QLD		13 25 23	
Event Committee Chairperson			
Appointed Biosecurity Officer			
Event Veterinarian			
Stable Warden			
Caboolture Police		07 5495 0444	
Workplace Health Safety Queensland		1300 369 915	
Contact Details QSEC			
Venue Coordinator	Katie Schablon	07 5433 3222	0419 724 085
Duty Manager			0427 025 144
Moreton Bay Regional Council After Hours		07 3205 0555	

