VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM

Equine Strangles Reporting Form

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Public Health

Instructions: Use this form to report suspected and confirmed cases of equine strangles to the Veterinary Public Health Program at the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. For a complete list of reportable animal diseases and conditions, and reporting forms, please visit our website: http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/vet/.

Date form completed:_____   **Please submit completed form to: vet@ph.lacounty.gov OR fax to (213) 481-2375.**

1. Horse			
Name:	Breed:	Sex:	Age:

2. Horse Owner			
First name:	Last name:		
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	E-mail:		

3. Reporting Veterinarian	
Name of veterinarian:	Clinic name:
Phone:	E-mail:

4. Stable Information		
Stable Name:	Stable address:	
Stable contact name:	Phone:	Email:
Total number of horses on the premise:	Other horses on premise showing signs of strangles? ☐ Yes ☐ No Does stable require vaccination against strangles? ☐ Yes ☐ No	

5. History		
History of *Strep. equi* vaccine? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Date last vaccine:	Vaccine type: ☐ Intranasal MLV ☐ IM Killed
In the month prior to disease onset, list the horse's travel history (imported from, shows, events, etc.):		
Date 1:	Location traveled (address, city, zip):	
Date 2:	Location traveled (address, city, zip):	

6. Clinical Findings		
Onset date:	Presentation date:	Date of death (if applicable):

<u>Check all that apply:</u> ☐No clinical signs   ☐ Lethargy   ☐Cough/stridor   ☐ Nasal discharge   ☐Appetite loss
☐ Fever (highest body temperature): _____   ☐ Lymphadenopathy (specify location): _____
☐Abscess (specify location):_____ ☐Other (specify): _____

7. Diagnostics (please submit laboratory results with this form)

Date: _____ Culture (sample type/location): _____ Result: ☐Positive ☐Negative
   Date: _____ PCR (sample type/location):_____ Result ☐Positive ☐ Negative
   Date: _____ Other:_____

8. Treatment
Date: _____ Medication (dose, duration): _____   Date: _____ Medication (dose, duration): _____

9. Client Education	
I discussed the zoonotic potential of *Strep. equi* with the owner and the stable manager/contact.	☐ Yes ☐ No
I discussed the appropriate quarantine and isolation measures with the owner and the stable manager/contact (as listed on the following page).	☐ Yes ☐ No

PLEASE SUBMIT LABORATORY RESULTS WITH THIS FORM AND EMAIL TO: vet@ph.lacounty.gov

1. Keep all horses that are under quarantine on your property until they have been released from quarantine by Veterinary Public Health (VPH). No equines may enter or leave the property until further notice.
2. Separate any sick horses from exposed horses. An exposed horse is one that had direct or indirect contact with the sick horse in the 2 days prior to the horse developing fever or symptoms.
3. There should be at least 1-2 empty stalls separating sick horses from exposed horses. If possible, the sick horses should be downwind and further away from people or the entrance.
4. Sick and exposed horses should have separate equipment and staff caring for them. Equipment includes tack, feed or water containers, grooming tools, etc. If staff must care for horses in both areas, the exposed horses should be cared for first, followed by the sick horses. The caretaker should then change clothes, disinfect footwear, and wash hands thoroughly before having contact with any other horses.
5. Isolated and quarantined horses should have separate exercise areas, away from healthy and non-exposed horses.
6. Isolated horse(s) will remain under isolation until VPH receives confirmation from a veterinarian of a negative test result from diagnostics or rechecks that are performed. Please send lab results to vet@ph.lacounty.gov.
7. Any horses that were in contact with the sick horse or that are considered exposed will be under quarantine for 2 weeks since their last exposure to the sick horse. If an exposed horse starts to show symptoms/fever, they should be immediately isolated away from the others.
8. Exposed horses should have their temperature taken and recorded twice a day to monitor for fever. Call a veterinarian to examine the horse and notify VPH at 213-288-7060 or vet@ph.lacounty.gov if any horse's temperature is above 101.5F.
9. Signage should be placed around both sick and exposed horses to indicate that they are not to be touched and that good hand hygiene should be practiced if handling these horses. Do not allow visitors to handle sick or exposed horses.
10. People should wash hands after touching any horse on the premise, but especially after handling sick or exposed horses.
11. Regularly scrub and disinfect all equipment and structures that were in contact with the mouth or nose of any sick or exposed horses (feed and water containers, bridles, buckets, fencing, etc.).
12. Practice excellent fly control (e.g. – sprays, traps, fly masks, covered trash containers).
13. Educate all horse caretakers, owners and stable staff about strangles and the isolation/quarantine measures in place.
14. Learn about management of equine strangles with the following resource:
    a. [American Assocation of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) Infectious Disease Guidelines Strangles](#)
15. Contact Veterinary Public Health at vet@ph.lacounty.gov or 213-288-7060 with questions or concerns about compliance with any of these measures.