

BIOSECURITY MEASURES FOR CACHE COUNTY 4-H HORSE SHOWS/CAMPS

The biosecurity measures outlined below are reasonable practices to adopt and implement in an effort to minimize contagious diseases often spread when horses co-mingle at events. Several factors increase this risk including stress to the animal, sharing of tack, and the unintended introduction of horses carrying disease. While there are a number of serious contagious diseases that could be identified as an example for why these measures should be implemented, most contagious diseases have similar biosecurity precautions and in essence these measures actively work to reduce the spread of many contagious diseases.

1. Obtain rectal temperatures¹ on horses at arrival to every show/camp.
 - a. As trailers enter fairgrounds, there will be several lines where horses will have temperatures taken.
 - b. 4-H families will be responsible for doing the temperature on their own horses prior to horses being allowed into the show/camp. You must supply your own thermometer for your horses. This is to minimize possible spread of illness from horse to horse. Digital or glass thermometers are acceptable, but it is recommended that you use the same thermometer on the same horse each time to see established normal range.
 - c. 4-H representative will verify the reading you take and record the temperature for each horse.
 - d. Any horse with a temp of **102.0° Fahrenheit OR HIGHER** will not be allowed into the show/camp area, and the horse and trailer will need to return home.
 - e. Any horse in the trailer with a horse with a temp of **102.0° Fahrenheit OR HIGHER** will not be allowed into the show/camp area, and the horses and trailer will need to return home.
2. If a 4-H participant cannot show due to a horse with a fever, or exposure in the trailer to a horse with a fever, the 4-H participant has the option to use the average of their other shows for the missed show score. To do this, they will still need to pay for the show and take the test portion.
3. If a horse has been boarded at/lives at the same facility as any horse that arrived by trailer with a fever, even if the horse did not arrive in the same trailer, the horse will need to return home. The 4-H participant has the option to use the average of their other shows for the missed show score. To do this, they will still need to pay for the show and take the test portion.
4. If a horse has a fever, it is the recommendation of the Utah State Veterinarian's Office that the horse be examined and cleared by a veterinarian prior to being taken to another event.
5. All horses will need to be tied to their own trailer, no common tie area.
6. When waiting in line, horses should be positioned head to tail, to prevent noses from touching.
7. No sharing of tack or grooming equipment.
8. No sharing of watering buckets. Do not leave a common hose in water buckets.
9. Do not pet other horses, especially around head/nose.
10. All horses must have their temperatures taken twice a day for the three days prior to any 4-H show/camp. (For example: for a Saturday show – take temps Wed, Thurs, and Fri). Any horse with a temperature of **102.0° Fahrenheit or HIGHER** should not be taken to the 4-H event. The 4-H participant has the option to use the average of their other shows for the missed show score. To do this, they will still need to pay for the show, take the test portion, **and** be present to help at the show if they want to use their score average.
11. Vaccinations are recommended, but not required. Try not to booster the vaccinations in the last few days prior to a show/camp, as this may cause an increase in temperature.

¹ Taking rectal temperatures on any animal poses an inherent risk for injury. Use caution in taking temperatures. Careful training of the animal can minimize this risk.

It is the intent of the Cache County 4-H Horse Council to keep our 4-H horse population healthy. We are trying to be proactive to minimize potential tragedies from occurring. These steps are not intended to be punitive, but rather they are being put into place to protect all of our 4-H horses and our 4-H participants' experience. If a serious contagious disease (i.e., EHV-1) outbreak occurs within a show/camp setting, it could result in the cancellations of further shows/camps during the summer until exposed horses/arenas are out of quarantine. Depending on when and if an outbreak occurs, it could potentially eliminate multiple or even all of our 4-H horse participants from being allow to compete at 4-H Regional or State events.

It is greatly appreciated for all of you who actively assume the task of responsible horse ownership. Your efforts help to protect your horses and those in your community from exposure to possible illness. It is better to miss an event, than be responsible for the potential loss of even one horse in our 4-H community.

In signing this document, I acknowledge:

1. I have read and understand the BIOSECURITY requirements.
2. I understand that our 4-H Horse Program is following the recommendations given to them by the Utah State Veterinarian Office and the veterinarian staff of the USU School of Veterinary Medicine.
3. These requirements have been implemented in a good faith effort to try to protect the health of not only my horse, but the health of all 4-H participants' horses.
4. I understand that despite these screening steps, an asymptomatic infected horse may not be identified, and allowed to enter an event.
5. I ultimately assume the risk of possible exposure to illness by my horse by choosing to participate in 4-H activities. I will not hold the 4-H Horse Program liable for any exposure to or contraction of illness by my horse.

In signing this document, I agree:

1. That I will provide accurate and truthful documentation as to the health and recorded temperatures of my horse.
2. That failure to provide the required horse temperature records for the three days prior to a show or camp, will prohibit me from being able to participate in that show or camp.
3. That if I knowingly submit fraudulent records or knowingly bring a sick horse to any 4-H horse event, that my family and I will be suspended from the 4-H Horse Program.

Exhibitor Name (Print) _____

Exhibitor Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Horse Owner if not exhibitor or parent/guardian Name (print) _____

Horse Owner if not exhibitor or parent/guardian Signature _____ Date _____

PRE-SHOW/PRE-CAMP 3 DAY TEMPRATURE RECORD

Two Hand Shows, English Show

Name: _____

Division: Junior Intermediate Senior

Horse Name: _____

TWO-HAND SHOWS:

Show #1 – Monday June 13:

Friday 6/10/16 AM	Friday 6/10/16 PM	Saturday 6/11/16 AM	Saturday 6/11/16 PM	Sunday 6/12/16 AM	Sunday 6/12/16 PM	Show Temp 6/13/16

Show #2 – Monday July 25:

Friday 7/22/16 AM	Friday 7/22/16 PM	Saturday 7/23/16 AM	Saturday 7/23/16 PM	Sunday 7/24/16 AM	Sunday 7/24/16 PM	Show Temp 7/25/16

Show #3 – Monday August 22:

Friday 8/19/16 AM	Friday 8/19/16 PM	Saturday 8/20/16 AM	Saturday 8/20/16 PM	Sunday 8/21/16 AM	Sunday 8/21/16 PM	Show Temp 8/22/16

ENGLISH SHOW:

Show #1 – Monday August 8:

Wed 8/6/16 AM	Wed 8/5/16 PM	Thursday 8/6/16 AM	Thursday 8/6/16 PM	Friday 8/7/16 AM	Friday 8/7/16 PM	Show Temp 8/8/16

