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## Tips to Keep Your Stable Safe from Infectious Disease

- Have a vaccination policy for all current boarders and horses hauled in for lessons. New horses should be vaccinated **before** arrival. Recommended vaccinations typically include rabies, strangles, 4-way (WEE, EEE, tetanus, rhino/flu), and West Nile Virus.
- When adding new horses, it is a good idea to require the following:
  - Health Certificate
  - Coggins Test for EIA
  - Vaccination within the past year
  - Deworming within the past year
- Keep every new horse isolated for at least 2 weeks and preferably 30 days. Do not share equipment between this horse and other horses on the farm.
- Have a deworming program for your stable. Practice effective manure management to limit fecal-oral contact.
- Store feed in a way that prevents contamination by mice, rats, domestic and wild birds, livestock, dogs, cats, and other wildlife.
- Clean water troughs regularly.
- Use insect control in warmer months: use repellants on horses, remove weeds and manure frequently, and empty and refill water containers at least once a week.
- Encourage visitors and owners to wash hands while on the property.
- Have dedicated quarantine stalls for new arrivals or horses affected by a contagious disease.

The above suggestions should be part of a biosecurity plan for your stable. *Biosecurity* means doing everything you can to reduce the chances of an infectious disease being carried onto your farm by people, animals, equipment, or vehicles, either accidentally or on purpose. Once you've thought about your biosecurity plan, put it in writing! Distribute your plan to clients and revise or update as needed.