



## **NW COMPLEX BIOSECURITY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

### **OBJECTIVE**

To create and continually evaluate a year round biosecurity plan for the National Western Complex (NW Complex) to minimize risk and control threats to animal health utilizing advice from national and local experts.

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

The NW Complex is committed to animal health and safety year round. We employ several preventative measures as part of our biosecurity plan and encourage animal owners to participate in minimizing the risks to protect the health and welfare of the agriculture industry. The NW Complex will continue to be the leader in effective biosecurity practices during the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in January while educating and mentoring all externally managed Complex Shows involving animals to continually increase their level of awareness and implementation.

### **WHAT WE DO DURING NWSS:**

1. Require 30-day health certificates and negative Coggins tests (out-of-state only)
2. Require an Animal Health Declaration stating animal hasn't shown infectious symptoms prior to arrival
3. Provide signage in the barns with tips to help prevent the spread of disease or infection
  - a. The NW Complex Biosecurity Statement
  - b. Welcome to the National Western Complex! Help us protect your animal's health by following simple tips.
  - c. For the safety of you and your animals...
    - i. DO wash your hands with soap and water before AND after touching animals
    - ii. DO park trailers and vehicles away from barns
    - iii. DO use hand sanitizer often
    - iv. DO keep animals up-to-date on vaccinations
    - v. DO use receptacles to properly dispose of various wastes
    - vi. DO NOT use common water or feed buckets, grooming tools or tack
    - vii. DO NOT have dogs at events
    - viii. DO NOT leave hoses on the ground or let hoses touch or drop into water buckets
4. Spray Synbiont® throughout the barns, stalls and wash racks prior to each show or division arrival
5. Spray Synbiont® periodically throughout main barn areas and wash racks during longer shows
6. Maintain a log of the date, time and location of each Synbiont® spray
7. Maintain an electronic database of all equine owners and exhibitors for immediate communication, if necessary
8. Provide veterinarian services on grounds during all show times and on call overnight
9. Post signs with 24/7 veterinarian contact information and nearby animal hospitals
10. Provide hand sanitizer dispensers around the Complex
11. Provide manure dump areas that are cleared daily
12. Provide waste receptacles to dispose of various materials
13. Provide sharps receptacles in the barn areas for the disposal of needles and other medical devices
14. Provide a temperature log to all owners and exhibitors and require it be filled out for animals on grounds for more than 6 days at a time

15. Provide Emergency Contact stall cards
16. Receive notifications from the Equine Disease Communication Center
17. Meet with the NWSS Animal Health, Care & Use Committee (chaired by the Colorado State Veterinarian) within 45 days of NWSS to receive updates and prepare for NWSS

#### **WHAT WE PROVIDE FOR EXTERNALLY MANAGED SHOWS:**

1. Signage in the barns with tips to help prevent the spread of disease or infection
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4. Maintain a log of the date, time and location of each Synbiont® spray
5. Provide hand sanitizer dispensers around the Complex
6. Provide manure dump areas that are routinely cleared
7. Provide waste receptacles to dispose of various materials
8. Provide sharps receptacles in the barn areas for the disposal of needles and other medical devices
9. Provide access to a downloadable temperature log on our website for use by exhibitors, owners or show managers
10. Provide Emergency Contact stall cards

#### **WHAT WE REQUIRE OF THIRD-PARTY MANAGED SHOWS:**

1. Share the NW Complex Biosecurity Statement and Plan with show staff, officials and exhibitors via premium book, email, website, entry forms, social media and/or other means of communication PRIOR to show arrival. The statement will be provided to contracted events.
2. Maintain an electronic contact list of all exhibitors, officials and show staff including email address and cell phone numbers.
3. Subscribe to the Equine Disease Communication Center email notification system:  
<http://equinediseasecc.org/>
4. Secure the services of an on call or on grounds veterinarian and post signs around the Complex with their name and contact information.
5. Have information on veterinary hospitals and state veterinarian's office available during your show

#### **WHAT WE RECOMMEND TO ALL SHOWS & EXHIBITORS:**

Any combination of the below recommendations is acceptable and the more items required, the better chances of a safe show. A questionnaire regarding these items will be provided to show managers of contracted events.

1. Require exhibitors to provide an animal health declaration to be signed upon arrival stating their animal has not had any infectious symptoms prior to arrival (no veterinarian inspection required) and with contact information (email and cell phone number).
2. Require exhibitors to provide a Health Certificate dated within 30 days of arrival.
3. Require exhibitors to provide a negative Coggins test report.
4. Require exhibitors to post contact information on stalls.
5. Require exhibitors to provide vaccination records.

6. Perform a visual inspection and check body temperature of each animal upon arrival.
7. Visit <http://equinediseasecc.org/biosecurity.aspx> for more information on biosecurity
8. Utilize the following questions to create a show management plan:
  - a. How will you respond to a competitor who arrives without fulfillment of any of your required items?
  - b. Where is your designated isolation area?
  - c. After discussed with your event veterinarian, at what point or which symptoms will you move a sick animal to isolation?
  - d. What will be the route(s) to the isolation area for the infected animal and humans?
  - e. Is your event veterinarian prepared to be available upon animal arrival and during the show for inspection and monitoring?
  - f. How will you inventory everything and everyone the infected animal came in contact with over the last 24-36 hours?
  - g. Do you have a collection and disinfecting plan for that inventory?
  - h. If there was a need to hold a briefing, where will you hold it and are your show staff aware of the location? How will you communicate the briefing time and location to your show staff and exhibitors?
  - i. If an animal needs to be transported, who will do the transport and to where?