



EQUINE HEALTH ADDENDUM

Supplement to the NW Complex Biosecurity Plan

Effective December 23, 2025

The National Western Stock Show (NWSS) is committed to equine health and safety. As we prepare for 2026, we want to reaffirm our commitment to providing a clean, safe, and responsible environment for every animal that enters grounds. In coordination with the Colorado State Veterinarian, the Colorado Department of Agriculture, NWSS Official Veterinarians, the NWSS Animal Health, Use & Care Committee and the NWSS Horse Executive Committee, NWSS began enhancements to cleaning, disinfection and protection protocols in mid-2025 and, with the current nationwide equine health environment, have adopted the following equine health requirements for entrance to grounds for all equines into NWSS.

EQUINE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

The NWSS asks all equine exhibitors, contestants and owners to:

1. Provide an equine health declaration (NWSS-provided form)
 - a. Lists equines in shipment
 - b. States equines in shipment have not shown any infectious symptoms prior to arrival (no veterinarian inspection required)
 - c. Lists temperatures for each equine in shipment for three consecutive days prior to arrival
 - d. Collects Rhinoneumonitis and influenza vaccination status of each equine
 - e. Includes contact information for the responsible party of the shipment
2. Provide a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI or Health Certificate) dated within 10 days of arrival
3. Provide a negative Coggins test report for equines originating from outside of Colorado
4. Post contact information on stalls (NWSS-provided form)
5. Maintain a daily temperature log for each equine while on grounds that remains posted on the stall (NWSS-provided form)
6. Perform a daily visual inspection of each equine and immediately report any changes in normal behavior

CLEAN, DISENFECT, PROTECT

As part of our commitment, additional layers of disinfection and protection will be utilized for the facilities at the 2026 NWSS. In addition to Synbiont®, NWSS will implement a consistent, facility-wide program using Merck Animal Health products, Armatrex, a long-lasting facility antimicrobial solution and Clean Republic, a disinfectant for animal spaces applied using innovative application technology.

RESOURCES

[NWSS Equine Health Declaration](#)

[Daily Temperature Log](#)

Contact Form (available in the barns)

[NW Complex Biosecurity](#)

[Colorado Department of Agriculture EHV Outbreak](#)

[Equine Disease Communication Center EHV](#)

[American Association of Equine Practitioners EHV Guidelines](#)