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Equine biosecurity involves preventing the spread of disease through hygiene, isolation, and careful management of horses and their environments.

Daily and general practices

- Practice good hygiene: Wash hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer before and after handling horses. Clean equipment, feed and water buckets, grooming tools, and stables regularly.
- Isolate new and sick horses: Quarantine new horses upon arrival for at least 7 to 14 days to monitor for illness. Isolate any sick horses immediately and consult a veterinarian.
- Maintain cleanliness: Prevent contamination by keeping feed and water sources free of pests and wildlife. Store feed in sealed containers.
- Control visitors and access: Limit access to your facility to prevent disease from visitors, and ask them to wash hands and clean their boots.

Manage manure: Remove manure regularly to control parasites and disease vectors like flies.

Equipment and travel

- Don't share equipment: Avoid sharing halters, lead shanks, towels, grooming kits, and feed or water buckets with other horses.
- Disinfect equipment: If you must share or loan equipment, clean and disinfect it thoroughly before use.
- Clean trailers: Clean and disinfect horse trailers after travel to and from different locations.
- Avoid commingling: Prevent nose-to-nose contact between your horse and unfamiliar horses when away from home.

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