



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES
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Gulfstream Park Released from Equine Herpes Virus (EHV-1) Quarantine

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is committed to protecting animals from disease

As of November 21, 2016, Gulfstream Park has been released from quarantine. The quarantine was released after all horses in the high-risk barns tested negative for the virus and no additional EHV-1 cases were detected during the 14 day quarantine period.

The initial quarantine was placed after a horse tested positive for the EHV-1, wild type strain, with neurological signs. A private veterinary practitioner, at Gulfstream Park, reported the case on November 8, 2016.

We are asking all those in the equine community to continue to practice prudent biosecurity on their farm and to report any suspected cases of EHV-1. For reporting, call (850) 410-0900 Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 1-800-342-5869 after hours and weekends.

Additional Resources:

More information on the Equine Herpes Virus (EHV-1) can be found at the following Websites:

- American Association of Equine Practitioners, www.aaep.org/info/horse-health?publication=753
- Gluck Equine Research Center, University of Kentucky, <http://www.ca.uky.edu/gluck/BiblioEHV1.asp>
- University of Florida, College of Veterinary Medicine, <http://extension.vetmed.ufl.edu/files/2012/02/EHV-June-2011.pdf>

Biosecurity information, to help reduce the risk and spread contagious and infectious diseases can be found at the following Websites:

- American Association of Equine Practitioners, <http://www.aaep.org/-i-173.html>
- United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA, APHIS), https://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal_health/2014/fsc_equine_biosecurity.pdf