



# Equine Collaboration for Health and Outreach





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## Risk Assessment

This equine premises biosecurity risk assessment is designed to help you evaluate your facility by identifying strengths, weaknesses, and areas for practical improvement.

 <b>Number of horses</b>	<5	5-15	>15
 <b>Type of stock</b>	Adult	Mixed	Predominantly young stock
 <b>Exercise intensity</b>	Light work Leisure Hacking Riding school lessons	Moderate work Pony club/Riding club Amateur competition Regular schooling	Hard Work Competition (National/International level) Racing
 <b>Premises type</b>	Private Personal ownership	Breeding/Competition Stud farm Youngstock producers Professional competition	Commercial Riding schools Livery yards; Competition /Coaching
 <b>Stocking density</b>	>2 acres per horse	1-2 acres per horse	<1 acre per horse
 <b>Type of herd</b>	Closed (no visiting or bought in stock)	Semi-closed (no frequent visiting stock and limited bought in stock)	Open (frequent visiting stock and regular brought in stock)
 <b>Stable design</b>	Outdoor	Open barn	Closed barn
 <b>Vaccination status</b>	Cover for flu and other diseases	Cover for flu only	No vaccination
 <b>Feed, Forage, Bedding and Water Quality Assessment</b>	Regularly assessed with formal testing	Regularly assessed by eye but rarely by formal testing	Rarely assessed by eye and never by formal testing
 <b>Staff</b>	Low horse-to-personnel ratio; only works on this farm	Moderate horse-to-personnel ratio; works on multiple farms	High horse-to-personnel ratio and / or works on multiple farms
 <b>Isolation facilities</b>	Specific isolation area; All new arrivals isolated	Specific isolation area; High risk horses isolated	No isolation practices
 <b>Infectious disease status</b>	Rarely have disease on the farm	Disease seen on a yearly basis in susceptible animals	Disease seen regularly on farm in all types of animals
 <b>Cleaning and Disinfection</b>	Routinely	Occasionally	Rarely



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## Premises Layout

Create a site map of your premises noting the key features listed on the left. Considering your risk assessment above, what changes could you make?



Stables



Turnout



Muck heap



Waste disposal



Feed storage



Exercise Areas



Isolation stable



Note three key takeaways from today's session that you can practically apply at your facility.



## Additional Notes