



MEMORANDUM

TO: KY's Equine Update List

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CC: State Veterinarians

DATE: May 22, 2023

SUBJECT: Vesicular Stomatitis Diagnosed - Kinney County, Texas

Notification was received late last week that horses residing on a premises in San Diego County, California have been diagnosed with Vesicular Stomatitis (VS). In addition to San Diego County, horses residing in Riverside County California have also been confirmed to be affected with Vesicular Stomatitis. With the notification received, Kentucky's Administrative Regulations now prohibits entry of all livestock, wild and exotic animals into Kentucky originating from any California premises currently under quarantine as a result of confirmed or suspected cases of vesicular stomatitis. Additionally, any such animal that has been on premises currently quarantined for VS during the 30 days prior to entry is prohibited entry into Kentucky.

The most recent situation report is posted on the USDA APHIS website and is accessible at the following link: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/equine/vsv/vesicular-stomatitis>

Based on the epidemiologic information made available to us, we have concluded no further restrictions (beyond those implemented by California) are needed at this time.

Individuals who have equine currently in export quarantine, or are planning exportations should immediately contact the USDA supervising personnel to determine if any additional testing or certifications are being required by the Country the animals are being prepared to ship to.

We will continue to monitor developments and will provide updates as new information is learned. Note these restrictions are subject to change without advance notice. I am preparing information to be posted on our web page at www.kyagr.com and will include a direct link once it is available.