

Biosecurity alert

Hendra virus – information for industry

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Hendra virus – 2011 summary

The number of locations in Queensland with confirmed cases of Hendra virus this year is eight.

The number of confirmed horse deaths from Hendra virus in Queensland this year is ten.

A third quarantine has been revoked today on a property in the Beaudesert area following completion of the required three rounds of negative testing.

Horses are being monitored daily on the remaining quarantined properties by Biosecurity Queensland staff in conjunction with the horse owners. All horses are reported as clinically normal.

Frequently asked questions - dogs

Biosecurity Queensland has developed answers to Frequently Asked Questions about Hendra virus and dogs. They are available at the following web link -

http://www.dpi.qld.gov.au/4790_20741.htm

Community Engagement

Community engagement officers will be in a number of locations across Queensland during the next week. Officers will be providing information and answering any questions residents, horse owners and businesses may have regarding Hendra virus.

A community information session will be held at Bundaberg this Monday 8 August 2011.

The mobile office will be at the Brisbane Ekka located between the *Beef Cattle Pavilion* and the *Chill Out Zone* (S3 on the Ekka map) from 10 August 2011.

Officers will be on hand to answer biosecurity and Hendra virus questions and printed material, including the new Hendra virus information pack, will be available.

Visit the [community engagement calendar](#) on the Biosecurity Queensland website for more information.

More information

All horse owners in Queensland are encouraged to remain vigilant about the health of their horses.

Notify suspected Hendra virus cases by contacting Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23 (during business hours) or the Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline on 1800 675 888 (24-hour hotline). More information is available at www.biosecurity.qld.gov.au

Contact your GP, local Queensland Health Accident and Emergency Department or local Public Health Unit if you have concerns about possible exposure of people to a horse with Hendra virus infection. General enquiries about Hendra virus infection in humans may be directed to the Queensland Health Hotline on 13HEALTH (13 43 25 84).

Contact Workplace Health and Safety Queensland on 1300 369 915 or visit www.worksafe.qld.gov.au for information about managing Hendra virus risks at workplaces.

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