

**\*\*\*\*\*PRESS ADVISORY\*\*\*\*\***

**Lancaster Event Center enters 5<sup>th</sup> year  
of nation-leading commitment  
to equine show biosecurity**

Lincoln, NE – The Lancaster Event Center (LEC) encourages all horse owners to practice biosecurity before and after every show. Biosecurity means doing everything you can to reduce the chances of an infectious disease being carried onto your farm by people, animals, equipment, or vehicles, either accidentally or on purpose. **Good information is found here on equine biosecurity steps to take every day.**

South Dakota veterinarians notified the Nebraska Department of Agriculture that a horse recently visiting LEC for the UNL College Rodeo on April 20-21 became ill after it left the facility with EHM, the neurological form of Equine Herpes Virus (EHV-1). **See statement from Dr. Hughes for more details here.**

Horse shows at LEC have been and are continuing as scheduled. There are currently no restrictions being imposed by the Nebraska State Vet that impact our operations.

The LEC just entered its fifth year of making a large annual investment of supplies, manpower and time in equine show biosecurity by conducting a disinfection protocol consistently during horse show season. “We believe strongly this commitment to equine biosecurity is important to all our guests and equine shows and we have been told by our equine show guests who travel around the country that this is very unusual commitment among all equine facilities across the USA,” said Managing Director Amy Dickerson

This biosecurity protocol includes not only keeping their facility as clean as possible between and during horse shows, but also actively disinfecting their equine facilities between and during horse shows since April 2014. In addition to spraying all group areas (aisles, arenas, walkways, doorways) and making smaller bottles of Nixall available for purchase to horse owners, they also disinfect EVERY stall top to bottom (floor, walls, bars) between shows. They continue to use the highly recommended, natural, safe & effective disinfectant used in many horse facilities, called Nixall (you can find more information at [nixall.com](http://nixall.com)). See photos below.

LEC encourage horse owners to keep vigilant on their own horse's health as they travel (working with their own vet on vaccinations, monitoring temperature, etc.) and stay informed about the EHV-1 virus. **The Nebraska State Vet has updated information on EHM and EHV-1 on their website.**

Please contact your horse show promoter if you have further questions and LEC encourages horse show promoters to contact us at LEC or the Nebraska State Vet with any further questions.

Statement from Nixall: Only EPA disinfectant that will kill all the CDC superbugs and is Non-Toxic to animals and humans! The US Marines and the University of Oregon have shown that the active ingredient in Nixall is 100 times more effective than bleach. See [nixall.com](http://nixall.com) for more information.

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*Post for info purposes: LEC website, LEC General Store and horse barns until 11-1-18.*

*Cc: LEC Equine Show Promoters, Lancaster County Ag Society & LEC Staff (breakroom door)*

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