



# LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** State Animal Health Officials

**From:** Brent Robbins DVM, State Veterinarian

**Date:** January 31, 2017

**RE:** LDAF Animal Health Advisory – Equine Herpesvirus 1 (EHV-1)

*Baton Rouge, La. (January 31, 2017)* – Louisiana has worked diligently to contain a recent outbreak of EHV-1 at the New Orleans Fairgrounds Race Track and is striving to prevent further introduction of the virus from other states that are also dealing with outbreaks of the disease. To achieve this goal, the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry animal health officials are imposing enhanced requirements on horses entering Louisiana from any facility that has active quarantines for EHV-1.

**Requirements:** Any horses entering Louisiana from a facility that has active quarantines in place for EHV-1 destined for a Louisiana farm or horse racing/training facility are required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) performed within 24 hours prior to arrival. In addition to standard information, a rectal temperature shall be noted on the CVI, as well as a statement of vaccination for EHV-1, not more than 120 or less than 14 days preceding arrival, including the vaccine type and brand name. The CVI shall also include a statement indicating the horse(s) listed on the CVI have not originated from a barn under quarantine for EHV-1 and have not been exposed to an animal that has tested PCR positive to EHV-1 within the previous 30 days.

*Questions or concerns should be directed to the Louisiana State Veterinarian's Office at 225-925-3980.*