

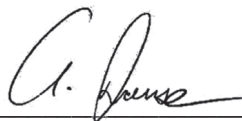
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Dear California Accredited Veterinarians,

We are aware there is much industry concern and interest in the recent confirmations of equine herpesvirus myeloencephalopathy (EHM), and we are very appreciative of all you do as equine veterinarians in daily practice and during the emergency management of infectious disease outbreaks. Considering recent events, and the desire for many horse owners to move horses between shows and competitions, we would like to remind all federally accredited veterinarians of the importance and responsibilities when issuing certificates of veterinary inspection (CVIs).

Entry requirements, including testing and required certification statements, are set by the state (or country) of destination and by a show's management. A CVI is usually valid for 30 calendar days following the inspection of the animals, but a shorter timeframe may be required if a State Veterinarian has determined this necessary to mitigate disease risk. Horse owners traveling on an Extended Equine CVI (EECVI) are **required** to request a movement permit through the platform prior to every movement and may be subject to additional requirements or restrictions during an outbreak. We would like to remind federally accredited veterinarians that, when issuing a CVI, you are attesting that the animal(s) being transported are fit to travel and are free of any signs of infectious, contagious, or communicable disease. While the California CVI statement does not include "exposed to," such a statement or requirement for a particular disease or infectious agent **may be required by** the destination state or show. **In light of recent events, we strongly encourage veterinarians to contact the destination state or show prior to issuing a CVI to determine if there are any additional entry requirements following potential exposure to a disease.** Regarding current EHM outbreaks, known confirmed positive cases are isolated and quarantined, as are those horses known to be exposed to a confirmed case, but it is challenging, if not impossible, to unequivocally categorize an animal as "unexposed."

We recommend all horses returning from **any** equine event, even without any disease detection, be isolated and monitored for at least 7 days following departure from the event. We recommend all asymptomatic non-quarantined horses leaving a premises where EHM has been confirmed be isolated away from all other horses for at least 7 days following departure with twice daily temperature monitoring, and, out of an abundance of caution, advise that these horses refrain from entering a large horse facility or equine event for 14 days following departure. **We strongly recommend CVIs issued for non-quarantined horses leaving a premises where an infectious disease has been confirmed reflect these best practices.**



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