

Equine



herpesvirus-1 abortion



Minimize your mare's risk for abortion:

Don't ship pregnant mares during the last three months of pregnancy.

Keep incoming pregnant mares separate from resident mares.



Keep mares in the same small groups based on due date.

Minimize stress by limiting travel, and by providing shelter and appropriate nutrition.



Keep all pregnant mares separate from other horses.



Vaccinate mares for EHV-1 at the 5th, 7th, and 9th months of pregnancy.



EHV-1 is shed from the horse's nose

Usually there are no signs of illness

If an abortion occurs, call your veterinarian
Minimize the spread of the virus:



Wash your hands, using hand sanitizer or disposable gloves between handling mares.



Use foot baths or dedicated boots when around isolated mares. Coats/outer clothing should also be dedicated for use around isolated mares.



Remove the placenta, fetus and any fluid. After the veterinarian has examined them, discard in a garbage bag and clean and disinfect the stall/area.



Use dedicated equipment (halters, lead shanks, wheelbarrow, fork, feed and water buckets) for mares who are isolated.



Isolate mares who have aborted from other mares for at least 28 days. Mares can shed the virus for months so testing should be done prior to release from quarantine.

