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BIO-SECURITY INFORMATION **FOR STABLE OPERATORS**

○ **Clean and disinfect:**

- Clean and disinfect stalls used to house horses and other livestock after each use;
- Use a spray disinfectant effective against virus and bacteria over areas in which horses have made contact.

○ **Tires, hands, shoes, and clothes:**

- Taking a few minutes to spray disinfectant over your tires can kill germs you've picked up in parking lots, on dirt roads, or in a stable or pasture area;
- Washing your hands with soap and water after handling horses will limit your ability to pass on germs;
- Take time to clean and disinfect your shoes before contacting different groups of horses;
 - Mix 3 parts bleach to 2 parts water and pour solution into a shallow container to dip shoes in after walking in a stable or pasture area;
- Change clothes or coveralls after handling horses from different locations; and
- Wash clothes before wearing them again to handle new groups of horses.

○ **Keep your stable disease free:**

- Limit traffic of incoming people who could be exposed to germs elsewhere;
- Have visitors and employees follow the disinfection procedures indicated above;
- Newly acquired animals should be isolated for at least 14 – 30 days to ensure you don't introduce disease to the rest of your horses, during that time observe them closely; and
- Keep show horses, and race horses segregated from the rest of the horse population for at least 2 weeks after they have been off of the premises at shows, or races.

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