

## Biosecurity alert

# Hendra virus – information for industry

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### Hendra virus – 2011 summary

The number of locations in Queensland with confirmed cases of Hendra virus this year is eight.

Quarantines have been revoked today on two properties in the Beaudesert area following completion of three rounds of negative testing.

Horses are being monitored daily on the remaining eleven quarantined properties by Biosecurity Queensland staff in conjunction with the horse owners. All horses appear to be clinically normal.

The number of confirmed horse deaths from Hendra virus in Queensland this year since June 2011 is ten.

### Hendra virus information pack

Biosecurity Queensland has launched a campaign to encourage all Queensland horse owners and handlers to access the Hendra virus information pack.

The information pack outlines how horse owners can reduce the risk of their horses becoming infected and includes information on:

- what Hendra virus is
- how to protect your horses
- what to do if your horse becomes ill.

Horse owners can access the pack by subscribing online at [www.biosecurity.qld.gov.au](http://www.biosecurity.qld.gov.au)

### Community Engagement

Community engagement officers will be in a number of locations across Queensland during the next week. Officers will be providing information and answering any questions residents, horse owners and businesses may have regarding Hendra virus.

A community information session will be held at Toogoolawah this Wednesday 3 August 2011.

Visit the [community engagement calendar](#) on the Biosecurity Queensland website for more information.

### More information

Notify suspected Hendra virus cases by contacting Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23 (during business hours) or the Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline on 1800 675 888 (24-hour hotline). More information is available at [www.biosecurity.qld.gov.au](http://www.biosecurity.qld.gov.au)

Contact your GP, local hospital Emergency Department or local Public Health Unit if you have concerns about possible exposure of people to a horse with Hendra virus infection. General enquiries about Hendra virus infection in humans may be directed to the Queensland Health Hotline on 13HEALTH (13 43 25 84).

Contact Workplace Health and Safety Queensland on 1300 369 915 or visit [www.worksafe.qld.gov.au](http://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au) for information about managing Hendra virus risks at workplaces.

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