

Biosecurity alert

# Hendra virus – information for industry

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## Hendra virus – Gold Coast Hinterland

Biosecurity Queensland today confirmed a Hendra virus case on a property in the Gold Coast hinterland.

The infected horse had shown a rapid onset of illness and died today. A private veterinarian visited the horse yesterday and collected samples for Hendra virus testing.

Biosecurity Queensland has quarantined the property and is working with the horse and property owners in conjunction with other government agencies.

## Hendra virus - 2011 summary

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

The number of confirmed horse deaths from Hendra virus in Queensland this year is eleven.

The properties in Hervey Bay and Boondall have been released from quarantine.

There are currently five properties in Queensland under quarantine in the Kuranda, Chinchilla and Gold Coast hinterland areas.

Horses are being monitored daily on quarantined properties by Biosecurity Queensland staff in conjunction with the horse owners.

## Community Engagement

Biosecurity Queensland and Queensland Health staff will be doorknocking neighbours of the quarantined property in the Gold Coast hinterland area to gather information on their animals and provide information about Hendra virus.

A Hendra virus information session will be held at the Gayndah Town Hall on Thursday 25 August at 6:30pm.

## More information

All horse owners in Queensland are encouraged to remain vigilant about the health of their horses.

An information pack outlining how horse owners can reduce the risk of Hendra virus can be accessed at [www.biosecurity.qld.gov.au](http://www.biosecurity.qld.gov.au)

Notify suspected Hendra virus cases by contacting Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23 (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 Queensland Health Emergency Department or local Public Health Unit if you have concerns about possible exposure of people to a horse with Hendra virus infection.

For general enquiries about the infection of Hendra virus in humans, call the Queensland Health Hotline on 13HEALTH (13 43 25 84) or visit [www.health.qld.gov.au](http://www.health.qld.gov.au)

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

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