

Biosecurity alert

Hendra virus – information

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Hendra virus update

A property in Kuranda is the latest in Queensland to have its quarantine lifted.

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

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.

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

Horse events

There are currently no restrictions on holding horse events in Queensland.

Horse owners should not take sick or unwell horses to horse events and should practise good biosecurity before, during and after the event.

Community Engagement

Community engagement officers will be in the Gold Coast hinterland over the weekend. Officers will be providing information and answering questions residents, horse owners and businesses may have regarding Hendra virus.

A community information session will be held at Elanora on Thursday 1 September starting at 6:30pm.

Visit the community engagement calendar on the biosecurity Queensland website for more information www.biosecurity.qld.gov.au

More information

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

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

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

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