

Biosecurity alert

Hendra virus – information for industry

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Hendra virus in Queensland

The property in the Gold Coast hinterland remains the only property under quarantine for Hendra virus in Queensland.

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

Properties in the Chinchilla area were released from quarantine last week.

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.

Flying fox forum

The Queensland Government is running an online discussion forum on Friday 23 September from 12:00-1:30pm titled Flying foxes, your animals and you. The forum will be streamed live online at www.qld.gov.au/flyingfoxforum and the Biosecurity Queensland Facebook page.

Watch a panel of experts address the myths and clarify the facts around flying foxes and Hendra virus.

Submit a question for the expert panel or find out more information at www.qld.gov.au/flyingfoxforum

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

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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