



# HORSE OWNERS URGED TO PLAN CARE DURING PANDEMIC

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**Have plans in place to ensure proper horse care in case of COVID-19 disruptions to your life.**

Create a short list of people who can care for your horse and provide detailed instructions that emphasize good biosecurity practices. Identify what is essential care and what may be optional.

- ▶ Horses should be easily identifiable by a name on a halter or a stall, or have other identifying features written down.
- ▶ Have enough drinking water, bedding and feed on hand to last a horse two weeks. If grain is not available, clarify whether forage is acceptable.
- ▶ Identify behavior issues that could present a danger to care takers or other animals.
- ▶ Personal protective equipment (including boot covers and gloves) is recommended for the person stepping in to care for the animal in a potentially COVID-19-positive area.
- ▶ If you become sick, don't go out to the barn. Minimize contact with everyone and everything.



### MORE INFORMATION

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