

**This is a sample document only. Please consult your veterinarian for set up and handling of quarantine and isolation areas.**

## **Entry/Exit Procedures for Quarantine/Isolation**

**Purpose:** To avoid potential transmission of disease to resident horses from horses residing in quarantine.

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- Ensure all other duties with other horses on site have been completed prior to exposure to these animals. Shower and complete change of clothing prior to returning to other healthy horses (ideal).
- Separate staff or designate staffing of area if possible.
- Monitor airflow to have it towards isolated animals (utilization of fans or barriers such as plastic covering entrance ways). This will help limit the spread of aerosolized pathogens within a facility.
- Outside paddocks. No direct or indirect contact with main herd.
  - Identify all equipment to be used in quarantine/isolation area
  - Do not share equipment between areas. Or clean and disinfect prior to sharing equipment.
- Minimize pests, including birds and insects, on site.
- Restrict pets from quarantine and areas adjoining quarantine.
- Minimized traffic flow to this area. Have all feed, equipment and supplies that are necessary to area brought adjacent to it prior to entry thus restricting the entrance/exit of area.
- Minimize equipment entering/exiting the area. Brightly, clearly label it as to confining it to the area.
- Train new staff and horse owners in entry and exit procedures.

### **Entry:**

1. Prepare needed supplies and equipment.
2. Wash hands using proper technique.
3. Don protective wear provided. Designated footwear, coveralls, gloves etc. Please note: If not utilizing disposable gear, launder it separate from other items in contact with herd and disinfect area and all equipment after use.
4. Monitor diluted disinfectants daily. Once diluted, disinfectants have a specific time they are effective. Check the manufacturer's instructions and label all diluted disinfectants with an expiration date. Ensure the proper dilution is utilized as the specific concentrations are necessary for the disinfection process.

### **Exit:**

1. Dip designated footwear into footbath.
  - a. Footbath must be changed when contaminated and when disinfectant expires
2. Remove protective wear (footwear, coveralls, gloves etc.) just **prior** to exiting.

- a. Remove gloves last pulling them off from the inside to not touch the outside of the glove.
3. Immediately wash hands with an appropriate antiseptic soap or alcohol based hand sanitizer.
4. Exit quarantine.
5. Wash hands again, if you have touched any surface within the quarantine areas.
6. Don normal footwear.
7. Clean and disinfect, bag/ cover equipment that must leave the area, prior to exiting.
  - a. Properly clean all organic substances (e.g. dirt and manure) off all equipment prior to application of disinfectant. Make note of contact time from manufacturer.
8. Don normal working attire or change clothes prior to handling other horses. Ideally, shower and change clothes.
  - a. It would be ideal to have a separate set of clothes/footwear for this area even though protective wear is worn overtop.