

# Equine Biosecurity Basics



The Board encourages horse owners to follow these biosecurity tips when traveling with their horse:

- It is always best to use your own trailer and equipment. If you must borrow; clean and disinfect items thoroughly before exposing your horse and again before returning.
- Don't let your horse touch other horses, especially nose to nose.
- Never put the end of a shared hose in your horse's water bucket without disinfecting first. Don't hand-graze your horse where other horses have recently grazed.
- Don't let strangers touch your horse. If you touch other horses, wash your hands with soap and water, and dry them well. Use disinfectant wipes or hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Clean and disinfect tack, boots, equipment, and grooming supplies before returning home. Make sure to remove dirt and manure before disinfecting.
- Shower, blow your nose (germs can survive a long time in nasal secretions), and put on clean clothes and shoes upon your return.
- Keep horses returning from shows/exhibits separate from your other horses for up to a month. When doing feeding and chores, work with the returning horses last. Wear boots and coveralls and remove them before working with your other horses.
- Don't forget to wash your hands.