



**COLORADO**  
 Department of Agriculture  
 Animal Health Division

## Colorado State Veterinarian's Office Update

As of 11/18/15, the State Veterinarian's Office at the Colorado Department of Agriculture is reporting 45 locations in 11 counties under quarantine for vesicular stomatitis (VS).

Since most areas of the state have had some freezing temperatures, the insect populations should be subsiding. We have been seeing a decreased incidence of reported cases but please continue to report cases with suspicious clinical signs and encourage livestock owners to be aware of their county status and take the proper precautions to prevent insect populations on their property.

### Counties Affected:

<b>Colorado County</b>	<b>Total Current Premises</b>	<b>Released Quarantines</b>
Adams County	0	1
Archuleta County	0	11
Boulder County	0	5
Broomfield County	0	1
Chaffee County	0	1
Conejos County	0	4
Delta County	2	41
Douglas County	2	6
Eagle County	1	0
El Paso County	14	35
Elbert County	6	7
Fremont County	4	21
Garfield County	6	19
Gunnison County	0	1
Jefferson County	0	7
La Plata County	0	14
Larimer County	0	48
Las Animas County	0	2
Logan County	0	1
Mesa County	4	49
Mineral County	0	1
Moffat County	0	1

Montezuma County	0	11
Montrose County	2	39
Morgan County	0	2
Ouray County	0	4
Pitkin	0	2
Pueblo County	0	1
Rio Blanco County	0	2
Rio Grande County	2	4
Routt County	0	1
Sedgwick County	0	1
Washington County	0	1
Weld County	2	32
<b>Totals</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>376</b>

Important points to remember:

1. All suspected VS in non-equine cases (cattle, sheep, goats, pigs and camelid cases) **MUST BE INVESTIGATED BY THE STATE OR FEDERAL ANIMAL HEALTH OFFICIALS.**
  2. Report any cases that have clinical signs suggestive of VSV within 24 hours. Call our office at [303-869-9130](tel:303-869-9130) or USDA APHIS Veterinary Services – Colorado office at [303-231-5385](tel:303-231-5385). Reporting VSV cases as quickly as possible will benefit your client and is the best way to reduce the negative implications to other horse owners.
  3. In addition to the classical oral lesions of VSV, we have seen many cases of VSV present themselves with lesions in and around the sheath, inguinal area, ears, and coronary bands.
  4. If you suspect VSV, in addition to reporting the case to the State Veterinarian's Office, inform the owners that they are under a Hold Order which means that livestock cannot leave the premises until testing is done or until the State Veterinarian releases the Hold Order. Call our office if you have any questions on the restriction of livestock movement into and out of that facility.
  5. When sampling horses for vesicular stomatitis, please obtain a swab of the affected area for a PCR test and draw blood to obtain serum for a CF test. The swab can be placed in a small amount of TBTB solution (less than 3 ml) or in the same amount of sterile saline. All samples for horses are sampled at CSU-VDL in Fort Collins. Any new cases in a new county (counties where there have not been any confirmed VS cases) need to be tested.
  6. If the state of destination needs for you to certify that the livestock that you are exporting from Colorado is not within a certain distance of a VS-quarantined premises. Call our office at 303-869-9130 and one of our staff can map out the location of your client and the location of the nearest quarantine so that you can certify the importing state's question. For
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example, some states will ask you if your client lives within 10 miles of a VS-quarantined premises.

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