

STATE VETERINARIAN'S OFFICE - VSV update 8/24/15

As of 8/24/15, the Colorado Department of Agriculture's State Veterinarian's Office has 75 locations in 12 counties under quarantine for vesicular stomatitis (VS).

Counties with Current VS Quarantines:

Archuleta County 4 premises
Conejos County 2 premises
Delta County 10 premises
Gunnison 1 premises
Jefferson County 2 premises
La Plata County 5 premises
Larimer County 20 premises
Mesa County 11 premises
Montezuma County 3 premises
Montrose County 12 premises
Rio Grande County 2
Weld County 3 premises

Important points to remember:

1. Report any cases that have clinical signs suggestive of VSV within 24 hours. Call our office at 303-869-9130 or USDA APHIS Veterinary Services – Colorado office at 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

4. 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 example, some states will ask you if your client lives within 10 miles of a VS-quarantined premises.