



Strangles in Horses Outbreak

It has just come to our attention that a barn in Davie near SR 84 and one in Sunshine Ranches have been quarantined due to confirmed cases of strangles. Strangles is not a "reportable" disease, but these cases have been confirmed with the State Veterinarian. Symptoms, which include fever, loss of appetite, yellowish nasal discharge, labored breathing, swollen lymph nodes around the head and neck, coughing and difficulty swallowing, usually appear 3 to 8 days after exposure. With early treatment, most horses have mild symptoms, but some cases may become severe. Contamination may be spread through infected objects, including but not limited to stalls, buckets, tack, clothing and direct contact with the infectious discharge. Some of the infected horses may have been at Tree Tops Park and Wolf Lake just prior to being diagnosed and quarantined on July 20, 2020. The bacteria can easily be killed by most disinfectants but can live up to 6 weeks in water troughs and automatic watering systems. Should you have any concerns, please contact your veterinarian.

Please take precautions to keep your horses safe and healthy.

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Symptoms:

- Nasal discharge
- Decreased appetite
- Increase in Temperature
- Swelling of lymph nodes
 - Can obstruct the airway
- Puss secreted from abscess
 - Abscess ruptures in 7 days and 4 weeks

