

EHV-1 Prevention Protocol

Protecting your horses and ours during every stay

At Lone Star Bed and Bale, the health and safety of traveling horses is our highest priority. To reduce the risk of spreading Equine Herpesvirus (EHV/EHV-1) and other contagious diseases, we follow strict biosecurity practices and require all guests to do the same.



1. Arrival Requirements

To help ensure a safe facility for all horses:

- Current Coggins required for all horses.
- Health Certificate within 30 days for out-of-state travelers (or as state law requires).
- No horses showing fever, cough, nasal discharge, or neurologic symptoms will be allowed to unload.
- Owners must verify horses have not been exposed to a known EHV case within the last 21 days.

2. Temperature Monitoring

We strongly recommend that owners monitor temperatures before travel.

- Horses with a temperature over 101.5°F should NOT travel to the facility.
- We may check temperatures upon arrival during heightened alert periods.

3. Stall & Paddock Biosecurity

Each horse at Lone Star Bed and Bale is assigned a clean, disinfected private stall or pen.

- No shared water tanks or communal feeders.
- Water buckets, feeders, and stall hardware are disinfected between horses.
- Please do not move buckets, hay bags, or equipment between stalls.

4. No Nose-to-Nose Contact

To prevent viral spread:

- Horses must remain in their assigned stall or pen.
- No allowing horses to touch noses or graze along shared fence lines.
- Do not hand-graze near other guests' horses.

5. Owner Responsibility for Equipment

To reduce cross contamination:

- Do not share halters, leads, pitchforks, grooming tools, or buckets.
- Clean hands or use sanitizer before and after handling your horse.
- Keep tack and personal items stored with you or in your trailer.

6. Facility Sanitation Measures

Lone Star Bed and Bale disinfects*:

- Stalls and mats between every guest
- Water buckets, feeders, and hoses
- Tie rails, gates, wheelbarrows, shared tools
- High-touch areas such as doorknobs and latches

*Disinfectants meet veterinary standards (e.g., chlorhexidine or accelerated hydrogen peroxide).

7. Travel Recommendations for Guests

To keep horses safe while traveling:

- Do not travel with a sick or febrile horse.
- Avoid communal water at show grounds or rest stops.
- Bring your own buckets, hose, and grooming supplies.
- Take temperatures twice daily for 7–14 days after staying at any facility.

8. Communication During EHV Alerts

During heightened regional EHV activity:

- We may temporarily limit bookings or require pre-arrival temperature logs.
- Guests will be notified promptly if any health concerns arise on property.
- Transparency is essential—we expect owners to report any post-departure symptoms.

Our Promise to You

At Lone Star Bed and Bale, we are committed to maintaining a clean, safe, and responsible

layover environment for all horses traveling through Texas. These protocols help ensure peace of mind for our guests and the equine community as a whole. Please contact us if you have any questions.

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